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CINCINNATI, April 29.--The Convention Hall is now in complete order, and looks very handsome. A painted iron effigy of America, with a cap of liberty and drawn sword, stands in the rear of the stage, and evergreens have been trailed from the galleries and columns so as to meet and form a green canopy over the platform. The sounding-board has been draped densely with cedar and fir, and large India rubber plants, and ferns, standing in flower-jars, have been grouped in the rear, so that everything looks cool and fresh. The music-stand has been so arranged as to hide the musicians, so that the hall, while filled with the strains of music, will yet make a riddle of the question as to where it proceeds from. The appropriation of $5,000, which the Reception Committee obtained, is now fully expended. Large sums were offered by brewers for permission to open beer saloons in the large lobbies adjacent to the main hall, but all these were refused, and only soda water will be dispensed.

The delegates will all sit upon chairs. Ninety dozen were ordered from one house, and 110 dozen from another. Ladies will have separate and special entrances and exits to the gallery, and the best of the house is reserved for them. large adjustable bars, very much like the parallel bars of a gymnasium, will divide the delegates from the audience. The district plan will be enforced in all cases where there are contingencies, so that no one candidate, by mere force of numbers, can sweep any particular State. As, for example, Illinois, where Davis will have most people and Trumbull most general strength for real representation.

Colonel Grosvenor will probably nominate temporary officers, who will retire and report a set of resolutions and permanent officers.

No collection of men ever assembled in this country will be more keen of mark in it. All portions of the Government service are fully represented--soldiers, judges, Internal Revenue officers, lawyers, clergymen. The morsel and mental character of the Convention is superb. While various opinions prevail as to the character of the platform and the proper man to be a candidate, there are still a dozen acute organizing men in the heart of the movement who are relied upon to bring order out of chaos and assimilate the clamors of competing candidates.

Your correspondent inclines to the belief that the friends of Adams, Brown, Trumbull, and Palmer will probably come around to the support of one of these gentlemen, to defeat Mr. Trumbull. If they find it impossible to harmonize upon him, they may nominate Cox.

The New York delegation, in large numbers composed of clever cosmopolitan men, met to-day and resolved to go solidly for Horace Greeley on the first ballot. They allege that Greeley was nominated, and that he is the second choice of the friends of all the candidates.

Mr. Fenton keeps open parlors at the Burnet House. That Brandy and nobody believes him much. He is the best man here not to get information from.

The Trumbull support comes from the most solid, earnest, and consecrate men in the Convention. Ex-Governor Wm. Wallace Trumbull, present, and his brother-in-law, Dr. Jayne, of Springfield. The Springfield men have turned out without regard to party, and come here solidly upon Trumbull. General Merritt, Mr. Morrison, and General McClernand are all here.

Your representative met Sara Marshall this morning and exchanged courtesies with him. He says that he wants to see this Convention a success, and is for the man who can be elected, and he thinks that man is Davis. Marshall says, however, that all the talk about bolting if somebody else is nominated is foolish. "I am with anybody else in a Convention," this body must be governed by the majority."

Governor Brown is now thought, will come at all, finding that no other candidate will be present Mr. Cox is the only person mentioned in connection with the Presidency who will be on the spot, and he is understood neither to desire the nomination nor the Chairmanship.

Governor Brinkerhoff is strongly inclined toward Trumbull. He will, undoubtedly, be temporary Chairman, and permanent Chairman if he says that the old-fashioned, underground Abolitionists all over Ohio are disgusted at the Grant Administration, and the prevalence of Shermanism almost all over this State of Ohio. The fight is undoubtedly against the Sherman and their nepotism, which equals that of Grant.

The New England men say that it is about time for a candidate to be chosen from the older sections of the country, and that the West has no business to be setting up a President every four years. At the same time they are all in confusion as to Davis, who happens to come from the tide-water part of the Middle States. Ike Brumley, of Hartford, says that New England men like Davis is the greatest man who can be up. Most Illinois men also allege that he can not carry his own State, and that Trumbull is the most available man to beat Grant with.

One of the anomalous features of this Convention is the wistfulness and strangely interested attitude of people set down as Grant men. If a good candidate can be nominated here without controversy or wrangling or bolting, there is a general opinion that he will be considered as the regular Republican nominee, and the Philadelphia Convention will attract very little attention. Dick Smith said this morning, however, that one third of all the people assembled here would also go to the Philadelphia Convention. Grosvenor and the Missourians still positively adhere to Brown's fortunes. A big German claims on the platform was held at the Sherman this morning. Richard Smith presented himself, but received a polite intimation that they must decline seeing him just at present. The attitude of the *Gazette* is truly embarrassing. Two or three days ago it had both boots over the fence on the Grant side, now, in order to avoid observation, it has taken off its boots, and is nowhere in particular. Halstead, who governed the United States until yesterday, is to day tolerably trashy. He has discovered that, although the influence of the *Commercial* is very considerable, New Jersey probably might be carried without it.

The most eminent man in the Convention in point of strength, will be Carl Schurz. He came on Saturday night, and looks unusually well. He is better than of several years, and he says that the movement, in his judgment, is already a success.

Hyde, of the *Missouri Republican*, said, yesterday, that he thought that Brown would not run well. Said he, "Of course it would be a feather in the cap of the *Republican*, which has supported Brown all the time, if he were nominated, but my judgment is that he cannot be elected." Hyde is for Trumbull.

The coolest headed man here, and at the same time the most chary able and conservative, is Wells. The old and resolute Free Traders do not ask that any unnecessary offensive plank be put into the platform to frighten their own, while, on the contrary, those who have rushed into the Free Trade movement six months ago, and seem good to choose spring extras selling at $6.50@7.50 per brl. Wheat averaged 1@2c higher, but closed weak at $1 34 1-4 for cash; $1 34 5-8@1 34 3-4 for seller May, and $1 37 3-4@1 37 7-8 for seller June. Corn was active, and 1-4@3c higher, but closed tame at 43 1-4@ cash, and 43 5-8@43 3-4c seller May. Oats were more active and firmer, but closed weak at 35c cash, and 35 1-4@35 3-8c seller May. Rye was steady at 75@76c for No. 2. Barley was 1-2c higher, at 76 1-2@76c for No. 2. Hogs were active and ... Cattle were inactive, and nominally lower. Sheep ruled steady at Saturday's prices. Average number of the vessels loaded here with grain during the winter have sailed, in anticipation that the straits of Mackinaw will be open by the time they arrive there.

ing here, and Custom House men. A youth said, with a grimace, to the writer, yesterday, a young gentleman who has been in the Interior Department for several years, and had come directly from Washington, upon being asked by me, how he had voted in '68, "Well, you see, I always was a Liberal Republican." There is no probability or possibility of the Grant people, either openly or in disguise, affecting the action of this Convention. It has become too powerful, a respectable assembly as regards numbers, and a vehement, positive body in purpose and indignation. It will make quick work with any disturber.

To-day the Adams strength has materially declined. Mr Bowles and the New England men have brought no document or word of mouth from Mr. Adams to make plain or explain away that singularly snobbish letter which he wrote to David A. Wells, and the argument is being used against him with effect that perhaps he might be nominated here, and then, in an access of cranie freak, dispose of the whole movement to Mr. Grant. Justin M. Clay pronounced for Adams at New port, Ky., two days ago, and the Yarmouth folks said some encouraging things for the reason of his grandfather. Others of the Louisiana delegation are talking Greeley with considerable vigor. It does not appear as though Adams had any special strength to do with the Davis leaven, but we shall see what we shall see.

Two of these things the Convention has hit upon without any difference of opinion. In the first place, Governor Wormouth cannot preside over the Convention, or be even, in the second place, the one term tenure of office will be avowed. The probabilities are that either the Missouri or the New York resolutions, relative to free trade, will be incorporated into the platform.

The *Times and Chronicle* of this afternoon pretends to say that the following was adopted at a meeting of prominent men last night:

Resolved, That no form of taxation is just or wise which puts needless burdens upon the people. We demand a genuine reform of the tariff, so that those duties will be removed which, in addition to revenue yielded to the Treasury, involve an increase in the price of domestic products and a consequent tax for the benefit of favored interests.

This news is reportorially uncertain.

Henry D. Lloyd, Mr. Mahlon Sands, and many of the Free Trade men of New York are for Adams. The wisest minds on the spot regard the great contest as between Trumbull and Davis. Davis will have the most numbers, and several States have pronounced for him on the first ballot, with a big salvo of applause. It is to Davis' interest to make the fight in the undercurrent of affairs, that telegrams in the Davis interest have been sent into nearly every Congressional district in Illinois having them to send delegates and warranting the payment of expenses. That is where the three millions of money goes. It is said that Whitelaw Reid asserts that the New York delegates will have to cast to Greeley, and will probably have Mr. Adams as their third choice. Mr. Chase has not a debatable personality to-day.

The Reunion and Reform movement seems to be little understood in the country at large. Its supporters are those persons who started what is called the New Departure, which commenced about a year and a half ago in this city, under the leadership of General Cox, Judge Hoadley, and other prominent politicians with a national reputation. They held a Convention on Wednesday morning, at Mozart Hall, to which all who favor General Amnesty, Civil Service and a Revenue Reform, are invited without regard to party. An organization will be effected by the election of Rufus K. Ramsay as President, with other appropriate officers and Committees. An adjournment will then be had for one day, after which the Reunion and Reform Convention will reassemble, and take such action as shall to them under the circumstances seem advisable. Having a platform already prepared, they lack, of course, one element of discord and internal disturbance.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Covington, last night, which was addressed by Cassius M. Clay, Hon. L. D. Phillips, of Ill.; Colonel Rollins, of Louisville; General Ramsel, of Covington, and Mr. William Russell. The general tone of all the speeches was strong in the denunciation of Grant and the present Administration. Cassius M. Clay said the present political situation was a poor reward for all his service in the cause of human liberty. Popular sovereignty was ignored, and the South was in every respect misused and mistreated. All respectable Southerners were thoroughly disgusted with the present Administration, and the encouragement which it gave to a vile set of carpet-baggers, who ran it overcurn and were bleeding the South to death. The meeting was the most remarkable as representing popular opinion in Covington, that ever occurred. It is difficult to get up any kind of a political demonstration in that city.

The day has been warm and locomotion has consequently been attended with considerable discomfort; but the temperature is now much decreased in any respect. The general interest and contentment attending this great occasion has rather increased it. It has meshed and boiled and bubbled all the more. Men have in all the delegations of the day shown themselves earnest in their convictions and also earnest in the resolve that whatever was done should be done for the good and the happiness of the people. The preliminary machinery necessary to the organization and harmonizing of great bodies of men has been put in operation with eminent success without any notable exceptions. All caucuses, meetings, or conferences for general arrangements, of special bodies, have been connected with the greatest good feeling, and successfully concluded. The meetings of the Editors of the Liberal movement are held every morning at the St. James Hotel, and are attended by the best men known to assembled. The Texas delegation met them so far, General Cox, Judge Hoadley, Mr. Dorsheimer, of Buffalo, David A. Wells, A. M. Allenson, of Boston, General Burnet, of Cincinnati, Messrs. Grosvenor, Clark, and McNeil, of the Missouri delegation, Mahlon Sands and Mr. Hendricks, of the National Free Trade League, and other gentleman of National distinction. The various matters considered have been the Revenue Reform in the platform, the basis of representation in the Convention, and other matters affecting the common cause. The exact form of the revenue reform plank has not been decided on. It will be either substantially embodied in the resolution given to-day, or will refer the matter to the people as the proper tribunal to adjudge the matter. If the last form is adopted it will be out of deference to the heads of the New York delegation represented by Senator Fenton. This distinguished gentleman, with Wells and Reid, is to be said to bear a letter of definite instructions and final permission, is supposed to represent Horace Greeley in the Convention. Whatever may be the final conclusion, there is little doubt that the revenue reform plank offered will be acceptable to the majority of this Convention, and will be adopted with entire unanimity. At a meeting held this evening all the States in representation were arranged as follows: Each State will be represented in the working part of the Convention by four delegates at large and one for each Congressional District. The selection is to be made by the persons from those Districts. If the persons present from any State is entitled to on this basis, then its delegation in attendance shall have the same power in but as if full.

The Convention is now busy, and the air is full of rumors. Some exceptions to the general unanimity of opinion have been mentioned. One of these exceptions exists in the Illinois delegation, and attracts much outside attention and comment. It astonishes delegates from other States, who are not in the late Liberal movement, to find that the representatives of one of the first States to move in the cause of reform should show themselves in the influence of Governor Palmer and the whole Democratic party of that State. Another exception is the lack of coherence essential to success. It is not likely that the variance of opinion can affect the general result, which is bound to be a harmonious one, when the debate is not inviting.

Judge Doolittle is thought by some to favor the David Davis interest, and it is alleged that he is occasionally seen in earnest conference with the Chicago adherents of Judge Davis.

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It is shrewdly suspected here that the interview of the President to-day with Right-Hour delegation was a prearranged thing, beginning with the apparent pre-emptory discharges of four masons working on the Post Office in this city, but up on which the whole thing soon resolved into a parley. Lest reform and sham raid on the old whiskey frauds, of which now not a syllable is heard.

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Mr. Phillips, of Illinois, said the present Administration was the most corrupt and extravagant ever known in the country. Its record was a disgrace to the nation, and that it can carry New York, Pennsylvania, and probably Connecticut. His chances for the support of the South are also excellent. The New York delegation, he says, purposed to vote solid for Greeley. H. H. Helper is one of the leaders of the North Carolina delegation. The New Jersey delegation is said to be in favor of either Mr. Scoville or Governor Parker for the second place on the ticket. A large delegation from Georgia is expected to-day.

The enthusiasm manifested for Carl Schurz everywhere he goes to-day among the German delegates has been very great. Mr. Schurz is still silent, declining to be interviewed, and evades all questions relative to persons. Several old haunts of his countrymen are deserted, and the place in which he shows himself is the carpet-baggers' saloon, who made the Washington Platform, and a speech was expected from a great crowd assembled, but he declined to say anything publicly, and left at an early hour.

The decision of Judge Davis in the Case of Cannings, a Catholic priest in Missouri, the point at issue being his refusal to take the test oath, is considered one of the most vulnerable points of the ticket. The decision will, if he receives the nomination, alienate from him every Catholic vote in the country.

The various newspaper representatives here were this afternoon assigned seats in the hall. The space for their accommodation was found to be rather small, but it is thought that all are disposed to be satisfied with their treatment.

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NEW YORK, April 29.--A feeling of keen expectation regarding the Cincinnati Convention pervades all classes here. Telegrams from that quarter were eagerly devoured and discussed. The *Post* says Adams and Palmer, Trumbull and Cox, or Adams and Brown are the only nominations that will do. The *Times* remarks that Adams is too sound a man to run against the Democrats of Liberal Republicans, and does not believe he will accept the Cincinnati nomination. In a long editorial the *Herald* shows a decided inclination to drop Grant, alleging that his foreign policy is unsatisfactory, and demanding the dismissal of Secretary Fish. The *Tribune* continues its denunciations of the suppression of the Buell investigation, saying, "It was no secret that the vindication of Buell would be the impeachment of another officer of high rank, and who that is, the Committee can easily find out."

It is shrewdly suspected here that the interview of the Presidents to-day with the Right-Hour delegation was a prearranged thing, beginning with the apparent pre-emptory discharges of four masons working on the Post Office in this city, but up on which the whole thing soon resolved into a parley. Lest reform and sham raid on the old whiskey frauds, of which now not a syllable is heard.

Liberal Republican Meeting at Covington, Ky.

CINCINNATI, April 29.--A Liberal Republican meeting, at Covington, to-night, at which Cassius M. Clay, Hon. L. D. Phillips, of Illinois, arraigned the Administration in severe terms. Some three hundred persons were present. Mr. Clay, in short speeches, accusing the Administration of personalism, extravagance, and oppression.

Mr. Phillips, of Illinois, said the present Administration was the most corrupt and extravagant ever known in the country. Its record was a disgrace to the nation, and that it can carry New York, Pennsylvania, and probably Connecticut. His chances for the support of the South are also excellent. The New York delegation, he says, purposed to vote solid for Greeley. H. H. Helper is one of the leaders of the North Carolina delegation. The New Jersey delegation is said to be in favor of either Mr. Scoville or Governor Parker for the second place on the ticket. A large delegation from Georgia is expected to-day.

The enthusiasm manifested for Carl Schurz everywhere he goes to-day among the German delegates has been very great. Mr. Schurz is still silent, declining to be interviewed, and evades all questions relative to persons. Several old haunts of his countrymen are deserted, and the place in which he shows himself is the carpet-baggers' saloon, who made the Washington Platform, and a speech was expected from a great crowd assembled, but he declined to say anything publicly, and left at an early hour.

The decision of Judge Davis in the Case of Cannings, a Catholic priest in Missouri, the point at issue being his refusal to take the test oath, is considered one of the most vulnerable points of the ticket. The decision will, if he receives the nomination, alienate from him every Catholic vote in the country.

The various newspaper representatives here were this afternoon assigned seats in the hall. The space for their accommodation was found to be rather small, but it is thought that all are disposed to be satisfied with their treatment.

CINCINNATI, April 29.--Hotels, streets, everything, to-day, has indicated the near approach of the two political Conventions to which the country, for weeks, has been looking. Flags are displayed in various parts of the city, particularly in the German portion. The hotels have been rapidly filling, and newspaper representatives are here in swarms. It has probably seldom occurred in the history of the country that so many newspaper men have been attracted to a single point. Enough it would seem by half to say out of the Union at choice, and would not have been the conquered people they were to-day. The policy of the Administration prevented industrial reorganizations; but the sovereignty of the States survived. The Government was founded on the sovereignty of States. It could not have been intended to destroy any State. There was no necessity for nor justice in the reconstruction that followed the overthrow of States. Those who stand by these principles are stigmatized as office seekers, but Kentucky and the whole South stand on the platform.

He would say a word to the colored voters of the south. Was it their interest to persist in remembering they were slaves, and they had had masters? It was wrong to keep up this war of races. Suppose they should support the party of scalawags? The time may come in a change of parties when they might suffer in consolation. He advised them not to let slip the present opportunity to secure a reconciliation, and the death of sectionalism. He was for principles. Any good man would suit him as a candidate, who stood on his principles.

The meeting was addressed by Colonel Bolting, of Louisville, General Ben. F. Runkle, and Wm. Russell, of Mo., in short speeches, accusing the Administration of personalism, extravagance, and oppression.

Why the Democracy Desire the Nomination of Judge Davis.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.--There has been much inquiry in all directions for news from Cincinnati to-day. Democrats seem more concerned for Davis' chance than about any other feature of the Convention, and have not yet been found to say he would support Adams One of them, when asked for his reason for desiring the nomination of Davis, said that large class of voters in his party would, if Judge Davis should be the nominee, rally to his support at the polls, under the impression that they were voting for Jeff Davis.

New York City Politics.

NEW YORK, April 29.--The *Tribune* says: "It is reported in this city that ex-Collector Murphy and the Administration leaders have agreed with Senator O'Brien that the Custom House party is to have control of the city patronage during the Presidential campaign, if they will elect O'Brien for Mayor. It is said that this arrangement was consummated during the recent visit of Murphy to Washington, and the first result was seen on his return to Albany in the passage of the new Charter. There was also a sudden change in the tactics, and the report of the Conference Committee unexpectedly agreed to the Senate receding from its former position."

How Davis Delegates are Secured.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., April 29.--For the past three or four days the most strenuous efforts have been made in this city to induce Republicans and Democrats alike to go to Cincinnati for Davis. Men are being hired on every corner. Free passes are to be had in half-a-dozen groceries and at the banks, by any body who will go to Cincinnati for Davis. The interest in Trumbull. In this way not less than 300 go from here, and many from adjoining towns to-day and to-night.

Call for a Meeting of the Illinois Delegation at Cincinnati.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CHICAGO, April 29.--In pursuance of the call of the Liberal Republicans of the State of Illinois, signed by Jesse K. Dubois and others, Horace White has issued a call a notice for a meeting in the morning papers, calling a mass meeting of Illinoisans at Greenwood Hall for 20'clock to-morrow, for the purpose of electing delegates, to represent Illinois in the Convention. The meeting will assemble at the hour named.

Republican Convention Called in Lake County.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., April 29.--The Republican Committee of Lake County have called a County Convention at Grayslake, May 4, for the purpose of selecting delegates for the Republican State Convention.

E. M. Haines has gone to Cincinnati.

Senator Sumner Out in a Pencil.

WASHINGTON, April 29.--The report of the Convention with Senator Sumner, on the Cincinnati Convention, received for on the 25th inst., in New York, is pronounced by him as unauthorized and inaccurate. The Senator says words are attributed to him which he never uttered.

Miscellaneous Items.

NEW YORK, April 29.--About 500 persons have gone to Cincinnati from New York and Brooklyn. The remainder of the delegates will avoid disturbance to the Cincinnati Convention left for the city this afternoon by the C. R. I. & P. R. R.

CAIRO, Ill., April 29.--At the Republican County Convention here this afternoon, Hon. D. W. Munn, D. L. Davis, Colonel G. W. McKeag, and W. M. Scott were elected delegates to the State Convention at Springfield. Resolutions were passed as to order and peace arising from the crowd that will be met at the main entrance.

Ample telegraph facilities are provided at the hall, the Western Union alone having six wires communicating with the building.

Arrangements have been made by which the hacks will be run between the hotels and the Convention hall at 25 cents.

Carl Schurz had a reception from his German friends, at the Washington, this evening, and to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock addresses the Kentucky State Liberal Republican Convention in Covington.

The following is the official document provided for the organization of the Liberal Convention:

The Executive Committee of the Liberal and Reform State Convention, by which the Liberal Republican National Convention was called, having met in consultation with representatives of the delegations from the different States announce the following plan of organization which has unanimously agreed upon by that Committee and the representatives consulted. The National Convention will be called to order at the Exposition Hall at noon on Wednesday. After affecting a temporary organization it will then be adjourned at noon, and the members from the several States will proceed to assemble in State Conventions to elect delegates. Each State will be entitled to representation upon the basis of four delegates at large, and two for each member of Congress allotted to it under the new apportionment; and these States are recommended to select delegates from Congressional Districts as far as practicable. In case any State shall not be represented by a number of persons equal to that to which it shall be entitled under the foregoing rule, then those present shall be entitled to cast the full vote of the State.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning blank books for the enrollment of the names will be forwarded to delegates from the several States by Colonel George Ward Nichols, Chairman of the Local Committee of arrangements, at No. 9 Mozart Hall, for the purpose of ascertaining the number of tickets of admission required from each State. Those intending to participate in the Convention are requested to enroll their names at their State headquarters during Tuesday, and the number of tickets will be reported to the person having charge of the enrollment in each State, not later than 6 o'clock Wednesday, to the Executive Committee at No. 9 Mozart Hall, corresponding number of tickets will then be delivered to the person having charge of the enrollment for each State, and by him distributed at the State Headquarters at 10 o'clock, to those whose names have been enrolled. These tickets will admit to the floor of the hall.

By order of the Executive Committee.
(Signed,) WM. GROSVENOR, Chairman.

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WASHINGTON.

National Bank Reports Called for by the Comptroller.

Senate Programme of Business for the Remainder of the Session.

Treasury Decision Relative to the Scope of the Chicago Relief Bill.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

RETRACTION.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The *Chronicle*, having printed an editorial on Saturday, charging that it knew Senator Robertson, of South Carolina, paid $40,000, this morning says: "The statement was written and published without the consent or knowledge of the principal editor of this paper, and in his absence. We don't know any such thing. On the contrary, after an acquaintance and friendship of four years, the editor of this journal does not know a single dishonest or dishonorable act done by Senator Robertson."

THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

The Treasury Department, in view of the existence of the Secretary, has given a decision upon the question of the free importation of pig iron and lead for the manufacture of articles required for rebuilding in the burnt district of Chicago. Judge Richardson replied, to the request of E. W. Blatchford for permission to do this, that while the Department was disposed to construe the provisions of the law liberally, it held that such importation was contrary to the letter and also the spirit of the Relief bill, and could not be allowed.

THE LATEST REFUNDING BILL.

General Negley to-day introduced a bill in which he outdid himself. It provides for refunding to fourteen railroads named the difference between the two cents per mile paid by the Government through the war, for the transportation of officers and soldiers, and the current passenger rates.

TEXAS ELECTION CASE.

The House Committee on Elections to-day notified Clarke, of Texas, that he could have till Thursday to file an argument in his case. He did not appear at the meeting to-day, and the Committee was not well pleased with the manner in which he is neglecting his side of the case, and the result will doubtless be that he will lose a seat to which he never had the least legal claim.

[To the Associated Press.]

NATIONAL BANK REPORTS CALLED FOR.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Comptroller of the Currency has called on the National Banks for reports of their condition as shown by their books at the close of business, Friday, the 19th instant.

The Republican Senators held an adjourned caucus this morning, and received and adopted the report of the Committee heretofore appointed to prepare a plan for business. It proposes first, to complete action on the Deficiency bill; next, to act on the House bill repealing the duty on tea and coffee; Navy and Post Office Appropriation bills; the Amnesty bill, and the bill to amend the "Act approved May 31, 1869, entitled an act to enforce the rights of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of the Union, and for other purposes," and the bill to continue in force until the next session of Congress the provisions of the fourth section of the act of April 20, 1871. This fourth section provides that whenever in any State or part of State, so guarded, unlawful combinations shall be able, by violence, to overthrow or set at defiance the constituted authorities of the State or United States, that fact may, when in his judgment the public safety shall require it, suspend the privileges of the writ of habeas corpus, and that all such rebellion may be overthrown. The other general appropriation bills are then to be taken up.

AT COLLEGE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

The President was called on this morning by a large number of members of the Methodist General Conference, who assembled in the East Room for the purpose of paying their respects to him. There was no speech-making, the occasion being entirely informal. The Conference also called on to-day by a delegation from New York City, representing workingmen's associations, and composed of John Gray Gratton, Grand Master of the United Order of American Bricklayers, Arthur McLaughin and Michael J. Daley, who had interview with him in regard to the Eight-Hour law in New York. The delegation asked that the Eight-Hour law be enforced down on the New York Post Office, and that workingmen be paid the highest local wages for similar work, at per day. The President said this must be granted, and they must be treated the same as men employed on public buildings in South Carolina, receiving a full day's pay for eight hours' work, and extra pay for the extra hours which they may feel disposed to labor. Prior to the departure of this Committee, the President gave them a note to the Secretary of the Treasury asking him to listen to their complaints, and saying, "I have asked to the Committee that all the employes of the Government are entitled to the benefit of the Eight-Hour law so long as it stands on the statute books." The delegation afterward had an interview with Judge Richardson, who cordially received them, asking them to make a statement in writing, promising to investigate their complaints at once.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 29.

REMONSTRANCE.

Mr. SAWYER presented a remonstrance against the repeal of the Eight-Hour law.

FIVE-MINUTE RULE.

Mr. SCOTT moved to take up his resolution to limit debate on appropriation bills to five minutes for each Senator on each amendment.

Mr. CASSERLY and Mr. TRUMBULL opposed the resolution.

Mr. ANTHONY favored it.

Mr. VICKERS offered an amendment restricting the five-minute rule to debates on amendments pertinent to the bill under consideration.

Mr. TRUMBULL said the vote on this amendment showed the design of the majority in offering a resolution to authorize a caucus by which they could force any measure through without discussion.

At the expiration of the morning hour the unfinished business was tabled, and the debate on the five-minute resolution resumed.

Mr. CASSERLY opposed it at length, claiming that it was a gag agreed on at the Republican caucus to-day.

Mr. TRUMBULL denounced the resolution as a gag-rule.

Mr. CONKLING thought it ought to be adopted before the Chairman's nomination, or business would be sacrificed to political debate.

Mr. WILSON was unable to see any danger in the resolution which would prevent a Senator from legitimate debate; still, rather than create a disagreeable discussion, he would withdraw it.

Mr. SCOTT declined to withdraw it, claiming the right of the minority, he would prefer that the resolution lie over for future consideration.

Mr. MORTON advocated the resolution, which was necessary for the despatch of business, and he was not deterred from voting for what he thought right by a sensational, unfounded clamor.

Mr. CASSERLY said Mr. Morton belonged to a two-thirds majority, which could suspend the rules at any time, and that, what was sport for him might be death to the minority.

Mr. SHERMAN thought it highly desirable to adopt something of the kind to check the tendency to endless and wearisome debate. As the majority had the responsibility, they ought to have power to control the actions of the Senate.

Mr. CASSERLY offered a substitute providing that no amendment to an appropriation bill shall be in order unless it is germane to the bill, and provides for an appropriation of public money in pursuance of existing law. Rejected—yeas, 11; nays, 37.

Mr. TRUMBULL offered an amendment providing that an amendment proposing general legislation not germane to the bill shall not be in order on appropriation bill. Lost—yeas, 11; nays, 22.

Mr. EDMUNDS moved to add to the original resolution the following: And no amendment to any House appropriation bill making legislative provisions other than such as shall directly relate to the appropriations contained in the bill, shall be received.

Agreed to—yeas, 25; nays 9, 19.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted by a vote of yeas, 36; nays, 4[illegible]; [illegible] Ferry, Hamlin, Morton, Sumner, and Trumbull voting in the negative.

The resolution, as passed, provides that during the present session it shall be in order at any time to move a recess, and pending an appropriation bill, to move to confine the debate on amendments thereto to five minutes by any Senator on a pending motion, and such motion shall be decided without debate, and the amendment to any such bills must be legislative provisions other than such as directly relate to the appropriations in the bill shall be received.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, April 29.

The House met at 11 o'clock, as it will during the remainder of the session, Friday call of States excepted, and a number of important bills were introduced and referred, several of them having been read at length on the demand of gentlemen who desired to have the time in the morning hour for action on Mr. Hooper's supplementary Civil Rights bill.

Among the bills introduced and referred, was one by Mr WOOD, to regulate and facilitate the payment of duties on important merchandise.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

The bill to remove legal and political disabilities from R. H. Rogers, member-elect from Raleigh's District, N. C., introduced by Mr Peters, from the Judiciary Committee, and passed.

WORLD'S EXHIBITION.

Mr. FARNSWORTH offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to inquire into what grounds have been heretofore, or public buildings erected, repaired, or furnished, without advertisement. Adopted.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. WHEELER moved to suspend the rules and take up for consideration the Senate bill supplementary to the act of March 3, 1871, in relation to the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, extending the time of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company and making provision as to issuing mortgage and land grant bonds, &c. The motion was agreed to by yeas, 109; nays, 19; and the various amendments reported from the Committee on Pacific Railroads were adopted.

After some explanatory discussion, during which it was stated by Mr. WHEELER that the bill did not increase the land grant, the bill was passed—191 to 29.

THE NATIONAL CENTENNIAL.

A bill prepared by Commissioners of the centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence, to be held in Philadelphia, was introduced by Mr. L. MYERS, incorporating a company for the erection of Exposition buildings, &c. After some discussion, it was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, with instructions to report an incorporation bill, with a view to a report to the next Congressional district, four from each Congressional district, and two from each Territory, each delegate to have a proxy.

The House then took up the report of the Committee on the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bill, and, after considerable discussion, the report was rejected, yeas, 56; nays 87, the principal objection to it being the provision for an increase of salaries of several Executive officers, and Judges of the Court of Claims.

The bill was recommitted to the same Conference Committee.

INDIANA LANDS.

Mr. TOWNSEND (Pa.), from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a substitute for the Senate bill releasing to the State of Indiana lands known as the Bed of the Lake in Newton County, Ind. Passed.

HOUSE BUSINESS OF.

The House then went to the business on the Speaker's table and disposed thereof as follows: Senate amendment to the House bill authorizing the Commissioners of Southern claims to appoint Special Commissioners to take testimony. Concurred in.

Senate amendment to the House bill for the relief of settlers on the Osage lands in Kansas. Concurred in.

Senate amendment to the House bill extending for two years the time of payment by pre-emption settlers in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Dakota. Concurred in.

Senate amendment to the House bill to promote the development of mining resources of the United States. Concurred in.

Senate substitute for the House bill to perpetuate testimony in the United States Courts. Concurred in.

Senate amendment to the House bill for the relief of parties whose lands sold for direct taxes in insurrectionary States. Concurred in.

Senate amendments to various private bills; also concurred in.

The Senate concurrent resolution, accepting from the State of Connecticut the statues of Jonathan Trumbull and Roger Sherman, was adopted.

Mr. HAMBLETON presented a conference report on the bill for a railroad bridge across the Arkansas River. Agreed to, and the House adjourned.

NEW YORK.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WHOLESALE MURDERS.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Foreign mails brings particulars of two extraordinary wholesale murders, in each of which the victims numbered five. On the night of April 14, a shoemaker named Nicholas, living in London on the Edgeware road, with a wife and six children, slew four of his children by cutting their throats, and killed himself in the same manner. He had recently removed from Plymouth, but, though industrious, his workmanship was clumsy, and his employers in London discharged him for spoiling a pair of boots. This preyed upon his mind until he committed the horrible deed. His wife was absent cleaning up a shop in the neighborhood. The four children killed were under 9 years of age. The oldest two escaped.

The other slaughter was a mysterious affair near Bordeaux. During the absence of a postman from his house, his wife, both parents and two of his children were murdered by unknown parties, supposed to be gypsies. The bodies of the adults were dragged out of doors and terribly mutilated. The two children were killed inside and two others, sleeping in a room by themselves, were not discovered, and escaped. The murderers ransacked nearly the whole house for plunder. The whole neighborhood armed themselves, and at last accounts were scouring the extensive pine forests in the vicinity.

STOCKS.

Stocks were irregular. In the morning the leading features were C., C. & I. C., which opened at 39¾, advanced 1, declined to 39¾, and recovered to 40. Ohio & Mississippi shares advanced from 26¾ to 31¾. The market became weak in the afternoon, and declined 1¼ to 1½, chiefly in Northwestern, Ohio, Rock Island and Union Pacific. Also in the afternoon it advanced to the highest point of the day in some instances. The chief features at the close were Rock Island, Pacific Mail, and Northwestern.

THE MONEY MARKET

was easy at 6 to 7 per cent on call, with exceptions at 5.

THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

was nominally unchanged, although really a little weaker. Prime 60-day sterling 109½@110¼.

THE GOLD MARKET

was active at intervals with frequent fluctuations. Early in the day the price declined to 112¾. It afterwards declined to 112¼, closing at bid 112¼, asked 112⅝. The forenoon sales of gold for May by the Treasury was the occasion of the decline to-day. The new Treasury policy is much discussed, and it is generally conceded that it will be impossible for the Secretary to buy $10,000,000 bonds at par in gold unless gold advances shortly. There are some who incline to the opinion that the Treasury will not continue its gold sales at the increased basis if only a small amount of bonds are offered. Some of the most conservative foreign bankers estimate that the specie shipments for May will reach $12,000,000, which would carry up the price of gold, and enable the Secretary to buy more bonds.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

quiet, closing firm.

PACIFIC RAILROAD SECURITIES.

Central Pacific bonds closed at 103¼@104; Union Pacific firsts, 92¾@92¾; land grants, 81¾@82; incomes, 87¾@87¾.

BREADSTUFFS.

Flour dull but firm. The demand is chiefly for low and medium grades. These are in moderate supply and wanted. Wheat fairly active and strong. At the close the market was firm but quiet. Holders of wheat firmer, but buyers hold off. The price is uncertain. Choice white scarce and higher. At the close the market was heavy and active for spring, and firmer for winter.

PROVISIONS.

Pork fairly active and steady, but offered with a little more freedom.

UTAH.

The Great Mormon Conference—Brigham Young's Moral Character—What he Would do if he Could—The Mormon Prisoners.

SALT LAKE, April 26.—The Mormon Conference was held to-day, morning and eve ning. About 8,000 persons were present in the morning, including a number of Gentiles. Brigham Young discoursed at length, thanking God that he was permitted to be with his people again. He hoped that the time would come when he would have an opportunity, before a Court of justice, of proving the falsity of the charges against him. He defied all the people of the world to show anything against his moral character. He was glad that neither he nor his brethren had the power of God and the wisdom to use it, or the Saints would long ago have destroyed all their enemies. He should demand from those who had been prosecuting them all the papers connected with the cases, and publicly indict and bring to trial; but the test of "Mormonism" is certainly in favor of Miss McHenry as against the word of Miss Bradshaw. The former made a model appearance in the minor part of *Pocahontas*, and certainly had no small allotment when called upon to occupy the stage with so clever an actor as Mr. Padgett.

What may be the success of the star company is not to be predicted from one evening's performance; but the outlook is certainly an encouraging one for theatre-goers—provided the ventilation is attended to.

THE MINSTRELS.

The appearance of two new stars, D. L. Morris, the Dutch burlesque comedian, and Charles Wallace, an eccentric actor, at the head of the McKee pattern, combined with the other numerous attractions of the Arlington, Cotton & Kemble Minstrel Company, served to crowd the West Side Opera House last evening. The programme for this week is one of the richest of the season. Among the more notable features of the "first part" is Arlington's comic refrain, "The Grand Duke's Ball," which is full of local allusions and political hits. The title of this local gem has not the slightest bearing upon the text. Walters opens the "second part" with his song and dance, the latter being a marvelous combination of the sawdust tumble and the harlequin contortion. Mr. Walters' wriggles, unlike those of several other boneless vocalists of the day, are in time with the music. All he needs to become one of the favorite is one more graceful encore-call. A characteristic banjo solo by Arlington, the venerable sketch "The Stage-struck Yankee," by Arlington and by Dewey, and the demoniac exhibition called "The Blackest Crook," fill up the interval until the appearance of Mr. Richard Mc. Carter, the leading man of Bridgeport, at his way to Chicago. This wonderful monarch aided and abetted by Cotton, Kemble, Arlington, Price, and a host of lesser lights, occupied the attention of the audience for about three-quarters of an hour, and translated the King's English upon the slightest provocation. Some of the scenes in the Morris adaptation of Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* are the most unfettered exhibitions imaginable, and the burlesque, as a whole, is a fitting afterpiece to a very funny bill.

THE GLOBE.

The "Black Crook" drew a full house last night.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

The Springfield *Register* says:

Six railroads are now in projection or in construction in this county. The Jacksonville, Shelbyville, Litchfield, and the Raymond lines, on the south-east side, to the north are the Peoria and the Northwestern lines, both of which will be in operation this year. It will also be the Litchfield line, which we have before the Carrollton line.

—Isaac Vancil, an old resident of Washington County, and half-brother to Lieutenant Governor Dougherty, was hung by a mob, last Monday night week. He had been warned by a party of disguised men to quit visiting his unfortunate daughter, one of a portion of his property in a given manner, etc., and, after taking refuge in flight, he ventured to return home, with the afore-mentioned result.

—William S Sargent, of Boston, Mass., is supposed to have been drowned in the Illinois River, near Naples, about the 9th of April, when he started out alone on the river to hunt ducks.

—A hand-car on the Carbondale & Shawneetown Railroad encountered a dog, last Wednesday evening, and was violently upset. Superintendent Hanchett, and a section-hand were badly injured, but the dog went off howling.

WISCONSIN.

Captain Nader, Assistant Engineer in charge of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers Improvement, writes to the Portage *Register*:

This important work is about to become public property, and to be made useful for the benefit of the whole State. An appropriation of $250,000 to expend more than $75,000 this year. occasional hints are thrown out that perhaps the work should be subjected to further delay, and that it will require to take a couple of years more to complete the work.

—The *Commonwealth* states that about 2,500 men find employment in the manufacturing establishments of Fond du Lac.

—E. G. Ryan, City Attorney of Milwaukee, has advised Mayor Hooper that the provisions of the Graham Temperance law, passed by the last Legislature, requiring a bond from liquor sellers, are inoperative in that city.

—The Fox Lake *Representative* says:

Tickets have been printed for the marshes the past week, and boys and men have shot and speared them by the boat load in open violation of law.

IOWA.

Sioux City is building five new school-houses.

—Right of way in Clinton, for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Chicago, Clinton & Dubuque, and the Chicago, Omaha & St. Joe Railroads, has been secured for $40,000.

—The Lyons *Mirror* says:

An agent of the Illinois Central Railroad has been in town this week, and given the business men notice that the Company will build a branch from Chicago to Dunleith, to this city, for 15 cents per 100. Of course, all merchants will take instant advantage of this rate. "When corporations fall out," etc.

—At Davenport, last Friday, the wife of Herman Malonau drowned her infant child and herself.

—Three young men of Muscatine have perfected arrangements to make a trip on horseback to Denver.

—The surveyors of the Iowa, Minnesota & North Pacific Railroad commenced, on Thursday morning last, to locate the road from Monroe north to Newton, by way of Greencastle, then to Iowa Centre, Nevada, and Webster City.

INDIANA.

The Indiana National Bank was last week organized at Lafayette, capital $200,000, to succeed to the business of the Traders' Bank of Perrin, Clark & Co. James J. Perrin, Cashier of the Traders', is President of the new organization, and John C. Brechenbrough, Cashier.

—Plans for the Purdue University, at Lafayette, have been accepted, and the building will be put up this summer. Professor Clark, of Amherst, Mass., has been called to the Presidency.

—George W. Durgin, Jr., the Fort Wayne defaulter, has gone to jail in default of $15,000 bonds.

—From the ashes of the Monroeville *Democrat* office, which was burned, in this county, on the 24th, they having received orders to do so from some of the "regulators" Railroad officers found fifty-six pounds of lead, in connection with the above, of reports that some Cass County outlaws were there for the purpose of assassinating them. Among those who left was E. S. Stevens, Manager of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 29.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour, no sales offered. Corn scarce and higher at 60c. Bran firm at $1 05.

HAY—Scarce and firmer; prime, $33 00; choice, $34 00.

PROVISIONS—Pork quiet but firm at $14 00; bacon firm; shoulders, 8½c; clear sides, 9½c; sweets, 10½c. Lard scarce and firm; tierce, packers', 8½c; refined, 9½; keg, 10@10½c.

WHISKEY—Dull; fair demand; inferior, 88c; common, 91c; fair to fully fair, 94@96c. Molasses—Receipts held; common to good fermenting, 55@59c; prime fermenting, 63c.

WHISKEY—Dull; Western rectified common, 90c; stone, 91c.

EXCHANGE—Sterling bank, 20¾; sight, ¼ premium; gold, 112¾.

COTTON—Quiet. Sales 1,400 bales; good ordinary, 21½c; low middling, 23½c; middling, 25c. Receipts, 1,149 bales; exports, Havana, 2,558 bales; Barcelona, 170 bales. Stock, 96,494 bales.

Vessels Passed Detroit.

DETROIT, April 29.—Passed Up—Barks City of Buffalo, Fay Vanvalkenburg, Pacific, Favorite; schrs J. C. Harrison, Consuelo, Wm. Howe [Kenosha, Webb, Kinnisbee, T. S. Marsh, Chicago, Libbie E. Merrell, Delaware, Lawrence.

Passed Down—The Winslow and barge; schrs H. Breger, John Rice.

Wind—Northeast.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

CAIRO, Ill., April 29.—Two women from Paducah hired a buggy at Metropolis, Ill., on Saturday night, to drive into the country. The horse ran away, killing one and severely injuring the other. The driver, a man named McMahon, had her neck broken. The other is not seriously injured.

Fires.

QUINCY, Ill., April 29.—The extensive flouring mill of Fletcher & Jenny, at Coatsville, Ill., was destroyed by fire on Thursday night. Loss on building, grain and machinery, $25,000; insured.

ERIE, Pa., April 29.—At 12:30 this noon, a fire broke out in a shed connected with the Germania Hotel in Waterford, and the flames spread rapidly, and in a short time the Germania Hotel, the Union School House, the Methodist Church, and four or five dwellings had been destroyed. There are no hopes of checking the fire until steamers can be had from Erie, Corry, and Titusville. The Hotel is owned by Conrad Fox, and is a total loss.

KANS., April 29.—The fire at Warren, Pa., was not as serious as at first reported. The only buildings entirely destroyed are the Union School House and the Germania Hotel, through the carelessness of a Fire Department of Corry, and Methodist Church and dwellings were saved without much damage. The loss is at one time very considerable, but not impossibly. The Union School House had only $10,000 insurance; the Germania Hotel had $25,000. The other losses are fully covered.

CITY OF KINGSTON, N. Y., April 29.—The fires on the mountains continue. Fires are also raging along the Rondout & Oswego Railroad, and a considerable amount of cord-wood and railroad ties has been consumed. Everything is very dry and the fire spreads with great rapidity.

NASHUA, N. H., April 29.—The fire began Mills, in Milford, N. H., were totally destroyed by fire last night, with the dry-house and contained thereto. Loss, $100,000. Insurance, $75,000.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Visitors at the Halsted street theatre last evening were fully convinced that a new season had opened. The programme kindly informed them that the new company had made its appearance to support Mrs. Rowers, and the more emphatic temperature convinced every spectator that the season of perspiration had arrived. It might not be out of place to call the attention of the omnipresent inventive Yankee to the rapidly-approaching need of the Academy managers for a perfect system of ventilation, which shall cause the otherwise almost perfect theatre to be tolerable in the summer months.

All of which may be good advice, but is surely a poor introduction for a new company—one heralded, too, as the present occupants of the Academy have been. It would be worse than useless to comment upon the play of the evening, the ancient and honorable "Lady Audley's Secret," which almost every theatre-goer in Chicago has enjoyed repeatedly. A comment on Mrs. Bowers' rendition of the leading rôle would be but a repetition of the threadbare variations on the word "perfect," which has probably been applied to this actress as often as to any woman in this country, except Charlotte Cushman.

The real interest of the piece consisted of course in the *debut* of so many of the new company as the cast called for. It may be said in the first place that it seemed unfortunate that the new company did not offer a choice from which a selection for George Talboys might have been made. The best that can be said of Mr. Maynard is that he may improve in his elocution and cannot be less acceptable in his presentation generally than he was last evening. It is not too much to say that the appreciative audience breathed freer when he disappeared down the well.

The other notable new-comers were Miss Blanche Bradshaw (*Alicia*), who is likely to be a great favorite, basing her claim upon a rather pretty face, a good stage presence, and excellent delivery of the lines assigned her.

It would be of course an unwarranted liberty to say that the opinion upon evening's trial; but the test of "first night" is certainly in favor of Miss McHenry as Lucy Talboys, of Miss Bradshaw, as former made a model appearance in the minor part of *Pocahontas*, and certainly had no small allotment when called upon to occupy the stage with so clever an actor as Mr. Padgett.

What may be the success of the star company is not to be predicted from one evening's performance; but the outlook is certainly an encouraging one for theatre-goers—provided the ventilation is attended to.

THE MINSTRELS.

The appearance of two new stars, D. L. Morris, the Dutch burlesque comedian, and Charles Wallace, an eccentric actor, at the head of the McKee pattern, combined with the other numerous attractions of the Arlington, Cotton & Kemble Minstrel Company, served to crowd the West Side Opera House last evening. The programme for this week is one of the richest of the season. Among the more notable features of the "first part" is Arlington's comic refrain, "The Grand Duke's Ball," which is full of local allusions and political hits. The title of this local gem has not the slightest bearing upon the text. Walters opens the "second part" with his song and dance, the latter being a marvelous combination of the sawdust tumble and the harlequin contortion. Mr. Walters' wriggles, unlike those of several other boneless vocalists of the day, are in time with the music. All he needs to become one of the favorite is one more graceful encore-call. A characteristic banjo solo by Arlington, the venerable sketch "The Stage-struck Yankee," by Arlington and by Dewey, and the demoniac exhibition called "The Blackest Crook," fill up the interval until the appearance of Mr. Richard Mc. Carter, the leading man of Bridgeport, at his way to Chicago. This wonderful monarch, aided and abetted by Cotton, Kemble, Arlington, Price, and a host of lesser lights, occupied the attention of the audience for about three-quarters of an hour, and translated the King's English upon the slightest provocation. Some of the scenes in the Morris adaptation of Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* are the most unfettered exhibitions imaginable, and the burlesque, as a whole, is a fitting afterpiece to a very funny bill.

THE GLOBE.

The "Black Crook" drew a full house last night.

HAVANA.

Tropic of Cancer Reflections—Cock and Bull Fights.

Havana Compared to Madrid—Spanish and Creole Social Life.

Buying Cigars—Ballads of the Home-Trip.

From Our Own Correspondent.

STEAMER MORO CASTLE, April 13.

I am wringing out my clothes. It is a good deal like emptying the well by the seive, as they took in so much perspiration at Havana. Every day it grew hotter and developed a new pore. People say I took the place rather late. If I ever take it again, or any part of the West Indies, or any part of the tropics, may the Captain General garrote me in the shade. Thermometers float around like balloons there. I demand the latitude of 54:40, or I shall fight!

THE TROPIC OF CANCER.

"Bless me!" said Nunky Ralph one day, "has it struck you that we are below the Tropic of Cancer?"

"Yes," said I, "the celebrated Cundurango is found to the south of us. Havana is below Cancer.

"Cundurango," said Nunky Ralph, bitterly, who is a murderer with the penknife (a surgeon); "is found at the latitude *zero*, where everything plays out, and where they ought to put our State Department, which advertises such humbugs free, and, at the latitude of Cancer, abandons our citizens to the Spanish fly!"

"Stop!" said I, "you will be read out of the party at that rate, and, like another recalcitrant physician here, be exported to the coast of Africa, or shot out at the cemetery for desecrating graves,—an old trick with medical students!"

And so we had passed Cancer, and were on the line of the Sandwich Islands, Formosa, Canton, Calcutta, Muscat, and Sahara.

"Doc.," said I, "if you practice your art on any body here, you will be quite a Southern *planter*."

I reflected that I was now at the extreme limit of the point where Uncle Sol came northward and dropped coals of fire vertically down upon people's heads. You in the United States get only a slant sunbeam; it isn't the genuine Jacobs; it gives you no sufficient idea of where you are driving to. Come across the line of Cancer, and, with a flea in your trousers and a New York spring overcoat on your back, receive bareheaded one of the eternal co-eternal beams, and meditate on the ancient fire-worshippers! Then prove that the sun is a mass of ice, and call the names of the imponderable elements! *Cancer* means crab. They do well to boil red. After 10 o'clock in the day, it is living in a pudding furnace to be exposed to the sun. Eggs sells for $8 a hundred pounds, while it brings in New York 40 cents, at Martinque $6, and at Aspinwall $4.

HAVANA FOR FAST-LIFE.

The amusements of Havana are cock-fighting, the only equitatic dances, an occasional bull-fight, riding, bathing, and intrigue. The women are rich in jewels, and can do little more than read; hence, a man always. The men are of every rich, do not work, loaf in the cities, and feel the languishing influence of the climate; hence several women. Generally. The streets, of evenings, present the scene of those of the *dead-monde*, sitting undisguisedly in tiled parlors, in full view of the promenades, and many of them have the undraped air of the perfected—an mode of life between Portland and Boston, and have got thus far toward their destination at Cape Horn.

The Spanish lady consists in getting together some huckster's horses,—all barrel-hoops, hoofs, and, sneezing, and, therefore, unable to run away from the bull,—and a bull who is afraid even of such horses and bellows with pusillanimity. They perform cowardice, fire-works, and the butchers-shop feast for a part of the Sabbath. Sometimes the audience commonly hisses off the performance from sheer want of interest.

Cock-fights are noisy squabbles, like Wall street settlement sales,—the birds peeking each other to death, while the betters rage and smoke. General Washington used to like this sport. It is not much worse than swinging your chicken's head off for pot-pie. The bird does the fighting of his own volition, and is a free agent. The bets at these sales often show by their amount the wealth of the people betting, and prices are not unfrequent attendants upon the entertainments.

EATING AND SOCIETY.

There are some good traits about both Cubans and Spaniards. They are frugal eaters and drinkers, living apparently upon very little rum, poor fish, omelets, and rice. I am bound to say it, with the exception of oranges, I found no fruit which pleased me in all Havana. The bananas were dry and mealy, and cooked in all fashions, nauseating. Green cocoa-nuts and fresh milk are abhorrent. The lesser fruits and green figs pleased me as little. Lost is the land without apples. Nobody is capable of Republican Government who has not had the green-apple colic. The wine of the people is tart and genuine, from Catalan, in Spain, and a white barrel of fair wine in Cuba costs $25; here is a bottle of Claret-drinkers who have friends in Havana. The Spanish, however, drink all sorts of decoctions of sugar, meringue, fruit, and ice-cream, and they really satisfy their thirst after smoking so much tobacco and paper.

In chastity and the household virtues, the Spanish men exceed the Cubans, who are often victims of libertinisms, by reason of the climate and slavery from childhood up. The Creole women, however, have more independence and smartness than the Spanish women, and the Creole and Spanish ladies are at the head of society in Madrid. Topete's wife was of the family of Arrieta; Serrano's wife is Cuban; and Prim's was Mexican. Thus three Spanish-American ladies lead the political society of Liberal Spain. The higher type of educated Cuban men have more sparkle and cosmopolitanism than the Spanish. Havana, at the head of a free State, would be a more brilliant winter capital than Madrid.

HAVANA AND MADRID.

Looking through this large and active insular city, with the crimson yellow flag of Spain waving over every public edifice, the mind of the stranger naturally leaps to the capital city of the nation which controls it: Madrid, with its population, but without its bustling industry and commerce,—a city of soldiery, politicians, contractors, place-seekers, and those who live upon them, and starving drunk, like Havana, but above 2,000 feet in the air, upon the plains of Castile. Madrid has at this day fewer communications than Havana with its own kingdom, and Havana's railway lines were introduced years before Spain's. (Cuba by the way, has about one-fourth as much superficies as Spain, and one-twelfth as much population.) Havana is wanting to a Northern ear, what shall be said of the Spanish Capital, in the native proverb, "three months winter and nine months hell?" Havana has 200 wealthy Spanish villages; Madrid none. Havana teems with manufactures and *distilleries* and warehouses; Madrid has twenty-five newspapers, and yet Havana, with none published free, has higher aspirations of liberty and the noble objects of independence than Madrid. The bull-fight has declined at Havana, and the royal pastime is traditional there mainly by negroes and the enforcement of tickets upon people doing commerce. Havana has topics of moment beneath the surface, whose enforced silence gives gravity and homogeneity to her creole people, and they receive the example of Federal Republicanism from the contiguous Great Model. Madrid is a bundle of provinces and of uneducated people, feebly imitating the frivolities of Paris; and her municipal works are built with the plunder of the Treasury. Havana, on the loan for Madrid of $100 000,000, negotiated at Paris, returned only $19 000,000 to the Spanish Treasury; while Cuba, under free trade with the government, could borrow $500,000,000 at par at London to-morrow.

WHAT DOES MADRID GIVE HAVANA?

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THE POLICE.

Annual Report of the General Superintendent.

The Present Force, 451 Patrolmen and Officers.

Suggestions Concerning the Rebuilding of Station-Houses.

Statistics of Arrests, Fines, and Stolen Property Received.

The Board of Police held its annual meeting yesterday, President Talcott in the chair.

The following appointments to the force were made: Magnus K Olson, Walter A. Sargent, James Cook, John Milrae, Orville Z. Barber, and George Auer.

Following is a condensed statement of the annual report of Superintendent Kennedy:

Owing to the complete destruction of the records at the Police Headquarters, and of the personal stations in the First and Third Precincts, by the disastrous conflagration of Oct. 9 and 9, 1871, the returns of these stations for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1871, also the succeeding eight days in October, cannot be given in this report. The returns of the stations wher the records from July 1 to Oct. 8 were preserved, would represent, probably, about two-months of the business done during that time. Copies of the first quarter's report were, fortunately, preserved, and the annual, with the exceptions noted above, is as complete as could be made under the circumstances.

The police force at present consists of one General Superintendent, three Captains, twenty sergeants, and 426 patrolmen, detailed as follows:

At the Police Headquarters there is one General Superintendent, one sergeant, and 74 patrolmen, detailed as follows: Station keepers, 3; patrolmen detailed as detectives, 6; patrolmen specially detailed, 2; Comptroller's office, 1; at bridges, street crossings, tunnels, and depots, 63. Total, 74.

At the temporary First Precinct Station, on the corner of Pacific avenue and Harrison street, there are one Captain, two sergeants, and 64 patrolmen on duty, two of whom are detailed as station-keepers.

At the Second Precinct Station, on the corner of Madison and Union streets, there are one Captain, two Sergeants, and 50 patrolmen, two of whom are detailed as station-keepers. This station-house, although comparatively new, will require considerable repairing and enlarging. The Common Council having failed to make an appropriation for repairs of station houses during the year just ended, nothing will be done in that direction save what was absolutely necessary.

In the Second Precinct Sub-Station, on West Lake street, there are two sergeants and eighteen patrolmen, two of whom are detailed as station-keepers. There is also an appropriation of $4,000 made, during the fiscal year just closed, for the enlargement of this station, which still requires considerable work to render it comfortable, as set forth in the case of the First Precinct Sub-Station on Cottage Grove avenue. I would recommend that this appropriation be increased, and the enlargement made as soon as possible.

At the Second Precinct Sub-Station, on the corner of Twelfth and Johnson streets, there are 2 sergeants and 35 patrolmen, two of whom are detailed as station-keepers. There is an addition being made to this station-house, and when completed, will afford ample room and facilities for the requirements of this section.

At the Second Precinct Station, on Chicago avenue, there are 1 sergeant and 16 patrolmen on duty, two of whom are detailed as station-keepers. This station-house is sufficiently commodious, and will require but a small outlay for ordinary repairs.

At the Second Precinct North Branch Sub-Station on Rawson street, there are one sergeant and ten patrolmen on duty, two of whom are detailed as station-keepers.

At the temporary police station at No. 180 North Dearborn street, there are one Captain, two sergeants, and forty-four patrolmen, two of whom are detailed as station-keepers. This being only a temporary building, erected for the temporary accommodation of the Fifth Precinct, is inadequate for the amount of business transacted, also for the accommodation of the number of men (sixty-four) it would, if necessary, accommodate. I would recommend that the Common Council be asked to make an appropriation for the erection of a suitable building on the site of the one destroyed by fire is respectfully recommended.

At the Third Precinct Sub-Station, on Winter avenue, there are one sergeant and 17 patrolmen on duty, two of whom are detailed as station-keepers.

In the above enumeration of the location of police men, and where and on what duty detailed, I should state that it is not to be inferred that there is one patrolman detailed as Police Court Bailiff, and one for Pound Master, making in all six specially detailed for those purposes.

In my last annual report I recommended an increase of the police force to meet the requirements of a rapidly growing city, which the Common Council did not grant. The necessity for additional men is, at the present time, more urgent than it has been heretofore. Calls are made upon us daily for additional men to do special duty on the streets and thoroughfares, and for the protection of the property of the city which is being rebuilt. To meet only the most urgent of these frequent calls, our only force is drawn from the outside sub-stations, where the citizens in the several districts contiguous are almost entirely deprived of the usefulness of the force for patrol purposes.

The appended tables show only the amount of property reported stolen and recovered in the ordinary routine of business, and do not include the amount of property

or stolen at the time of the great fire. Having no regular place to take property, that was recovered immediately after the fire, a large amount was delivered over to claimants, on satisfactory proof of ownership, of which no record

was kept. After the location of the Chief Clerk's office, all property recovered was required to be delivered to him, he has duly stored the claimants property valued at a fraction over $100,000, and has still on hand a considerable amount of unclaimed property.

In conclusion, I desire to bear testimony to the cordial co-operation and efficiency of all branches of the service, especially during the trying times succeeding the disastrous conflagration of last fall, when about 150 of our men were burned out, and while their families were homeless and homeless they rallied, with but few exceptions, to their post of duty immediately after the fire, and did their utmost, along with the balance of the force, in the restoration and maintenance of order in the city. The entire force, as the Executive head of the Department, has my hearty testimony to their faithfulness and coolness in the discharge of their duties when so many of our citizens were apparently panic-stricken; also to the general good discipline maintained.

To the retired members of the Board, and to you, gentlemen, of the present, and, with confidence in the promotion of the interests and efficiency of the Department, I also desire to return my sincere thanks.

The total value of property reported stolen and the amount of stolen property recovered, $40,187, and of fines, $126,475. The number of arrests was 21,931, of whom 18,109 were males and 3,822 females; 8,217 were married and 13,714 single. The number of lost children reported was 313, and of lodgers at the station-houses 8,023. Of disorderly persons arrested, 118 were under 10 years of age, and 2,511 between 10 and 20; 16,307 between 20 and 50, and 6,725 between 30 and 40. The number discharged at the Police Courts was 3,154; 69 were sent to the Home Catholic Asylum, and 420 held on criminal charges. Of the nationalities 4,561 were Irish, 6,994 Americans, and 3,379 Germans. The chief charges were as follows: drunk cases, 4,397; disorderly conduct, 5,664; larceny, 3,133; assault with intent to kill, 155; assault with a deadly weapon, 240; burglary, 160; inmates house of ill fame, 791; house gaming house, 212; riot, 161; robbery, 157; vagrancy, 261; violation of vehicle ordinance, 628.

Among the occupations are the following: Butchers, 202; blacksmiths, 156; carpenters, 699; clerks, 988; expressmen, 391; gamblers, 145; house-keepers, 1,282; laborers, 5,430; no occupation, 7,145; masons, 219; painters, 221; prostitutes, 129; plasterers, 61; saloon-keepers, 332; sailors, 538; teamsters, 890.

A "Holly-Tree Coffee-Room."

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I cut the subjoined from your paper of this morning, and inclose a circular from which you will see that the "Holly-Tree Coffee-Room" system has been introduced into Chicago. I doubt whether any establishment in Boston or elsewhere exceeds in comfort and cleanliness the Coffee-Room attached to the Bethel Home, on the southwest corner of West Lake and Peoria streets. The size of the room at present accommodates 150 persons, and can be enlarged to 300 by 50 feet. When the front building, now being erected as an addition to the present establishment, is completed, we shall have room for the above purposes about 100 by 30 feet. I would remark, in conclusion, that while the Coffee-Room is closed on the Sabbath, except at regular meal-times, the free Reading-Room in the Bethel Home is open every day from 9 a. m. to 11 p. m. Respectfully, D. L. PEARSON,

General Superintendent Bethel Work.

CHICAGO, April 29.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

MONDAY EVENING, April 29.

In the local market money continues moderately easy. The opening of navigation will let out a large fleet of vessels, and the prospect of a large increase of bills drawn against these shipments of grain will make an increase of loanable funds.

Exchange was very scarce and firm to-day at 25c per $1,000 premium. It seems probable, however, that in a few days or a week exchange will be in such supply as to put it below par.

The market for stocks opens active and indicates a great deal of speculation. Rock Island has advanced 2 per cent since Saturday morning, and in this, as in many other stocks, there will probably be large fluctuations during the week.

Gold is lower to-day than the highest price touched on Saturday, but sight sterling exchange is still maintained at 110, which price affords a considerable profit on the export of specie, and as long as this condition of affairs lasts it may be safely assumed that the export will be very large. This, in connection with the present large imports of foreign goods, makes the demand for cash gold to pay duties so great, in proportion to the supply, that it is easy for specu ators to run up the price. The exports of specie from New York since Oct. 9, 1871, $15,000, Sept. 9 to Oct. 9, 1871, $5,000. Imports of foreign goods in the current week will probably be much larger, and so further add to the rise in the premium on gold.

TREASURY ISSUES OF BANK CURRENCY.

It is reported on good authority from Washington that the Treasury Department are pressing the Committee of Banking and Currency to report the bill for a reissue of the National Bank currency, viz: the printing and issue of new notes, and of new designs in place of all the National Bank currency now in circulation. The cost of this reissue would be about $1,000 000, and the question is, who is to pay this, the banks or the Government? All the opponents of the National Banking system insist on an amendment to the bill, providing that the banks shall pay it. But even Secretary Boutwell is compelled to acknowledge that the tax of ½ per cent per annum on the circulation which the banks have paid since the inauguration of the system was intended to defray just the expenses of similar extensions. The amount accumulated from this tax is now $17,000,000, and is held by the Treasury in a separate fund. It is an obvious injustice to tax the banks again for one of the purposes for which this fund was intended.

Many of the National Banks are becoming disgusted with the ceaseless attempts to victimize them in such ways as that proposed in the foregoing mentioned, and, in some cases, are contemplating retiring a portion of their circulation. If we may calculate that gold will go to par, of course we have nearly reached the worst of it, and it will be seen that on all such permanent investments in Government bonds as the banks are obliged to keep to secure their circulation, a large amount of the present premium on the bonds, which on ordinary loans of money there would be no less in consequence of the decline of gold to par. For example: If a bank buys and holds bonds at the close of 1871, the amount of $118,000, at the present price of say 113, and the bonds are redeemed at par in gold, by the payment of $100,000 in 5 years, as has been the case in many cases, there will be a loss of 1 per cent per annum in the premium. Whereas, if the same $118,000 were loaned on bonds and mortgage, or any kind of out in commercial loans for nine years, the whole $118,000, besides interest, would be paid at the end of the term. Here is one of the objections to keeping circulation, and, as mentioned before, a good many of the banks are calculating the advisability of gradually retiring all their circulation except the amount of one-third of their capital, to which they must keep bonds deposited with the Treasury, anyhow, whether they take out circulation against it or not.

THE NEW YORK, WEST SHORE & CHICAGO RAILROAD.

The New York *Journal of Commerce* of the 26th has the following:

The West Shore Hudson River Railroad Company is under the management of Mr. Allan Hay, President, and a Board of Directors composed of John Van Ness, C. D. Van Wagenen, T. J. S. Flint, and Allan Hay. The Company has not been successful, and the bonds have no market value at this time. Sales have been made recently at prices ranging from 20 to 10 cents on the dollar. The New York, West Shore, & Chicago Railroad Company, Mr. J. M. Courtney, President, has agreed to take up the bonds at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar on or before the 26th inst., dated May 1, 1872, and to give in exchange bonds of $1,000 of the New York, West Shore & Chicago Railway Company, secured by the first mortgage, or cash. Mr. Courtenay has appointed Messrs. C. D. Van Wagenen, John Van Ness, and Allan Hay Trustees to exchange the bonds of the West Shore Hudson River Railroad Company on the above terms. The office of the Trustees is at 39 Broad street, New York.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE TO CHINA.

The *London and China Telegraph* of April 8 has the following very significant paragraph:

A new steam company has been registered styled the "Transpacific Steam Navigation Company," for the purpose of running a line of steamers between the ports of China and Japan, and to a port on the Pacific connecting with the American system of railways. The capital is fixed at £750 000, a large portion of which has been subscribed by the promoters and their friends. The Directors are influential and practical men in steamboat enterprises, and consist of E. H. Green, Esq., banker, London; Gilson Homans, and Bradford, W. J. Alt, London, and late of Japan; Frederick Bird, shipowner, Liverpool; Whitfield Colin, Manchester, Witt; and W. Wetmore Cryder, merchant, Boston. The Managers of the company are to be Messrs. Bradley, Rhind, & Co., London, Malcolm & Co., Japan, with power to appoint sub-agents.

Mr. Green, the banker, is an active, energetic man, and besides his own capital, as the husband of the celebrated Miss Robinson, can have the fingering of ten or fifteen million from that estate. The other gentlemen named are also of the highest respectability.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean, bankers, furnish quotations for Government bonds and local securities, as follows:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
U. S. 6s of '81	114½	115
5-20s of '62	115	115½
5-20s of '64	115	115½
5-20s of '65, prior to July	114	114½
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	114	114½
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	115	115½
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	115	115½
10-40s	110½	110¾
U. S. new 5 per cents	110½	111
Funded 5s, currency 6s	100½	101
Northern Pacific gold 7-30s	105¾	inv
Illinois County and Town 10s	95	99
Chicago City 7s	105½	106
Cook County 7s	100	inv
Gold Exchange	112½	113
Sterling Exchange (large drafts)	110	110½
Gold and gold coupons	112	112½

LATEST.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Gold irregular, closing at 112½@112¾; loans firm; flat to 6 per cent. Clearings, $82,000 000. Treasury disbursements, $841,000.

Governments 1/8 higher and firm.

Stocks strong on the favorites. Indiana Central was the great feature, advancing to 41¼ on effort of bears to cover shorts. Western were mostly unsuccessful, the bulls refusing to sell at present prices. They talk much higher figures. Pacific Mail, New York Central, Rock Island, and Ohio, advanced considerably. Northwestern and Erie were about the weakest stocks on the list. Money market unchanged. Early in the afternoon, but closed with a reaction from the lowest rates, and was very strong. The general list was strong at the close.

Money easy at @@7, with exceptions at 5.

State bonds dull and steady.

Sterling, 109¾.

Governments:

Coupons, '81	118	Coupons, '67	115½
Coupons, '62	115	Coupons, '68	115½
Coupons, '64	115	Coupons, '65	115½
Coupons, '65	114½	U. S. 10-40s	110½
Coupons, '67	115½	New 5s	111½
Coupons, new	111	Currency 6s	125

State bonds:

Missouris	96	Old Virginias	89
Old Tennessees	70	Old North Carolina	20
New Tennessees	69	New N. Carolina	30
New Virginias	58		

Stocks closed:

Canton	99½	St. Paul	62
U. S. Telegraph	37½	St. Paul preferred	81
Quicksilver	43½	Wabash	32½
Adams Express	93½	Wabash preferred	50
Wells, Fargo Ex	57	Fort Wayne	97
American Express	73	Terre Haute	24
United States Ex	78	Terre Haute preferred	51
Pacific Mail	73½	Chicago & Alton	113
New York Central	100½	C. & A. preferred	131
N. Y. Central scrip	93½	Ohio & Mississippi	31½
Erie	65¾	C., C., & I.	95½
Erie preferred	84	C., R. & Q.	132
Harlem	125	Lake Shore	97½
Harlem preferred	135	Indiana Central	41½
Michigan Cen	115	Illinois Central	133
Pittsburgh	97¾	Union Pacific	49½
Fort Wayne extra	90	Northwestern	84½
Northwestern pfd	84½	Union Pacific bonds	92
Rock Island	111¾	D., L. & Western	108½
New Jersey Cent	110		

REAL ESTATE.

Instruments filed for Record, Monday, April 29.

CITY PROPERTY.

West Monroe st, bet Desplaines and Halsted sts, n f, 24x198 ft, dated April 15; consideration, $4,600.

Lot 27, in Block 2, of Assessor's s ½ nw ¼ Sec. 8, 39, 14, dated April 10; consideration, $1,650.

Western av, sw cor of North av, 40 acres, dated April 17; consideration, $100,000.

Farrell st, se of Lyman st, sw ¼, 50 ft to alley, dated April 1; consideration, $850.

Lot 3 of Lot 8, in Wilder's Lot 15, in Block 27, Sec. 29, 39, 14, dated April 24; consideration, $550.

Peoria st, 145 ft N of Monroe st, s f, 25x125 ft, dated March 21; consideration, $3,125.

Lot 21, in Block 14, Sec 7, 39, 14, dated April 8; consideration, $600.

Lot 12, in Block 39, of w ½ Sec 27, 39, 14, s f, on Twenty-fourth st, bet South Park av and Calumet av, dated March 20; consideration, $10,250.

The premises No. 244 Ewing st, dated April 6; consideration, $8,500.

Chicago av, bet Franklin and Wells sts, s f, 26 ft to alley, dated Dec. 28, 1871; consideration, $2,125.

Lot 15, and s ½ Lot 16, in Moody's Subdivision in Sec 34, 39, 14, dated April 27; consideration, $2,125.

Catherine st, bet Ashland av and Paulina st, n f, 24 ft to alley, dated Feb. 28; consideration, $750.

Lot 1, in Hall's Lots 74 and 76, Butterfield Addition, dated April 17; consideration, $1,000.

Lot 2, bet Lincoln and Wood sts, n f, 25 ft to alley, dated April 29; consideration, $500.

Perry st, bet Fullerton and Belden avs, w f, 25 ft to alley, dated March 19; consideration, $425.

Lot 26, in Block 2, of Phinney's n e ¼ Sec 11, 39, 13, dated Feb. 1; consideration, $400.

Indiana av, s w cor of Thirtieth st, s f, 25 ft to alley, dated April 9; consideration, $10,000.

South Park av, bet Ray and Gano sts, w f, 26 ft to alley, dated April 27; consideration, $2,000.

Lot 20, in Block 39; also Lot 5, in Block 35, of Dunham's, 1,012 3-10 ft s of Railroad st, e f, 302 249 45-100 ft, dated April 17; consideration, $24,000.

Lot 20, in Block 39; also Lot 5, in Block 35, of w Sec 27, 39, 14, dated April 17; consideration, $12,500.

Lot 3, in Whitcomb's Block 81, of w ¼ Sec 27, 39, 14, dated April 12; consideration, $11,000.

North Halsted st, bet North av and Willow st, w f, 24x125 ft, dated April 20; consideration, w ½, 24x125 ft, dated April 20; consideration, $1,500.

Baldwin st, bet Hubbard and Kinzie sts, w f, 24 ft, dated Feb 24; consideration, $800.

N ½ of s ½ Lot 4, in Mackubin's s e ¼ s w ¼ Sec 4, 39, 14, on Lasrabee st, near Crosby st, dated April 26; consideration, $600.

Second st, s e cor of Leavitt st, s f, 45 ft to alley, dated April 4; consideration, $1,350.

Ogden's Resubdivision of Lot 12 in Block 4 of Scott's Addition, with improvements, dated March 26; consideration, $2,000.

Thirty-eighth st, s f, 314 ft w of Lagrley st, s f, 264x129 ft, dated March 15; consideration, $1,500.

Thirty-eighth st, s f, 264 ft w of Lagley st, s f, 264x129 feet, dated Sept. 1, 1871; consideration, $2,375.

Block 19, and 160x155 feet of Blocks 16 and 17, in Wilcox's s ½ e ¼ Sec 31, 39, 14, dated April 13; consideration, $16,000.

Burnside st, 150 feet s of Thirty-fifth st, w f, 48 feet to alley, dated March 17; consideration, $9,100.

Blue Island av, 24 feet s of Paulina st, s f, 24x100 feet, dated April 18; consideration, $1,600.

Lot in Block 5, of Ward's Block 13, Sheffield's Addition dated April 18; consideration, $600.

Cypress st, s f, in rear of West Taylor st, w f, 48 feet to alley, dated March 24; consideration, $1,000.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

25x187 ft, s f, in Block 16, of e ½ Sec 29, 40, 14, dated July 21, 1871; consideration, $800.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lots 28 to 32, in Block 6, of n ¼ rods of n e ¼ Sec. 36, 34, dated April 28, 1872; consideration, $2,105.

N 80 ft Lot 5, and n 80 of w 35 ft Lot 4, in Walte's Lots 6 to 10 in Goodwin *et al* Lots 6 to 8, of Lyman's, Sec 3, 35, 14, dated April 27; consideration, $6,000.

WEST OF CITY LIMITS.

E 20 8-12x126 ft of Lot 2, Block 1, of Castle's s ½ Sec 3, 39, 13, dated April 4; consideration, $200.

85x126 ft on Castle av, in Block 1, of Castle's s ½ Sec 3, 39, 13, dated April 24; consideration, $600.

COMMERCIAL.

MONDAY EVENING, April 29.

The following were the receipts and shipments of flour, grain, and produce for the past forty-eight hours:

	Received.		*Shipped.*	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	5,139	4,370	5,787	7,305
Wheat, bu	4,350	24,190	35,191	60,278
Corn, bu	187,186	136,025	726,582	146,864
Oats, bu	35,646	24,810	38,972	56,147
Rye, bu	941	2,876	1,810	687
Barley, bu	3,146	6,276	1,202	2,766
Grass seed, bu	61,000	18,410	77,018	
Broom corn, lbs		20,000		
Broom corn, brls	20,000	2,000	44,196	
Cured meats, lbs	129,610	54,489	222,000	375,360
Beef, brls	8	27	20	27
Pork, brls	200	71	200	27
Lard, lbs	20,150	48,370	47,560	209,322
Tallow, lbs	11,850	17,850	2,000	400
Butter, lbs	28,270	26,040	13,190	18,900
Live hogs, No	3,486	1,421	1,400	2,800
Cattle, No	360	623	2,761	2,376
Sheep, No	1,000	1,022		1,576
Hides, lbs	151,978	126,081	174,606	83,110
Highwines, brls	800	256	676	500
Wool, lbs	145,480	167,318	322,718	73,680
Potatoes, bu	6,342	1,400	1,200	1,200
Lumber, m	3,248	2,663	1,198	3,779
Shingles, m	2,700	4,853	1,730	2,021
Lath, m	280	350	200	200
Salt, brls	280	7,316	972	1,419

Withdrawn from store on Saturday for city consumption, 930 bu wheat, 4,318 bu oats, 638 bu rye, 2,807 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 1 car wheat; 189 cars corn; 57 cars oats; 2 cars barley. By canal, 1,100 bu No. 3 corn; 4,500 bu winter corn; and 4,500 bu No. 2 oats. Total (255 cars), 169,400 bu.

The produce markets were less active to-day, and the leading ones were weak, in reaction from the strength of last week. It was so near the close of the month that a great many operators wanted to settle up their May deals, so as to be ready for the new month, and long seemed to be in the majority, while, resulted in a victory for the shorts, as is usual in commercial circles. This fact shows the perversity of commerce. In most other things, the majority carry the day and the steadiness.

The next leading feature of the day, was a discussion on the question as to whether the Straits of Mackinaw would be open for navigation on the 'Change to the effect that a steamer had actually passed through, but it turned out that she went through the North Passage, which is always useful, and the bonds have no market value at this time. Sales have been made recently at prices ranging from 20 to 10 cents on the dollar. The New York, West Shore, & Chicago Railroad Company, Mr. J. M. Courtney, President, has agreed to take up the bonds at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar on or before the 26th inst., dated May 1, 1872, and to give in exchange bonds of $1,000 of the New York, West Shore & Chicago Railway Company, secured by the first mortgage, or cash. Mr. Courtenay has appointed Messrs. C. D. Van Wagenen, John Van Ness, and Allan Hay Trustees to exchange the bonds of the West Shore Hudson River Railroad Company on the above terms. The office of the Trustees is at 39 Broad street, New York.

The weather to-day was rainy, and the market for flour was quiet and steady and firm. There was no change in the butter market. Bagging was steady and firm. The demand for hay was light, but the stock was active, and a much better feeling prevailed, although no changes were made in quotations. Provisions were fairly active for both city and country account, and sales were quick at $8 75 rates. The stocks are small. Building materials continue firm, and the demand for stucco quotations were firmer. Ties are now the new features to note in connection with the markets for pine lumber, the prices of which remain the same as last noted. Lumber at the yards was in active demand and firm. Cooperage was quiet.

Lake freights were dull to-day, and nominally easier, with few vessels offering, and no perceptible change in rates. Shippers were very quiet, and vessels were offered at 10½c to carry corn to Buffalo, with nominal bidders at 10c. To arrive do was offered at 9½c. Corn to Collingwood was taken at 8c. Corn was quoted at 15c to Oswego, 16½@17c to Kingston, and 18c to Ogdensburg. Freights to Montreal were offered at 20c on wheat to New York, and corn to Boston or Portland, and 28c on corn to New York. Two vessels are reported all round with lake corn at 500 bu corn.

Highwines were quiet and steady at 84c. Sales were 150 brls at 84c. The market closed dull, the last at New York quotation being "easier."

Provisions were less active, and irregular. Pork was weak, and was depressed somewhat by parties who were anxious to realize. Some of them were obliged to sell, not having proper protection for May; others were afraid of a reaction following the recent upward movement, and brought about the very result they feared from the fact. Sales were at $12 20@12 25 per brl from the first prices of Saturday. Lard was weak, in sympathy with pork, though offerings were not large. A decline of 25c per 100 lbs from Monday's light demand, and very firm, the recent purchases having left but very little here on sale. Our stock of meats is very large, and the arrivals are at this season of the year, though the production of last season was enormous. The market closed dull, the following being the ruling prices: Cash or seller May, 7½@7¾c; seller June, 7¾@7¾c; seller July, 8@8¼c; seller August, 8¼@8½c; seller September, 8½@8¾c. Sales were reported at 7½@7¾c for cash or seller May, and 7¾@8c for seller June. Short ribs sold at 7½c for cash or seller May, and 7¾c for seller June. Short clear sold at 8c for cash or seller May, and 8¼c for seller June.

Cash sales were reported at 220 bbls mess pork, $12 20@12 25; 200 brls do at $12 25; 200 brls do at $12 20; 200 brls do at $12 22½; 200 brls do at $12 30; 500

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Tuesday Morning, April 30, 1872.

A WORD OF WARNING.

Many Republicans hold aloof from the boldness, or what they deem to be the rashness, of the Cincinnati movement, because they are not yet able to believe in the dissolution of the Democratic organization, nor even in the candid surrender by the late leaders thereof of the past issues on which they have been fighting. It is not sufficient that they are satisfied that no attempt will be made to revive slavery, disfranchise the blacks, incite a new rebellion, or repudiate the national debt. They require also to know that no Democratic nomination will be made, and that the Cincinnati and Philadelphia nominations will be such that the Cincinnati candidates will be heavily voted for by Republicans, and the Philadelphia candidates will be largely voted for by Democrats.

We appreciate, as fully as many of our hesitating Republican friends can do, the fact that the candidates of a party, when elected and in office, will be controlled in their general policies by the character of the constituency that elected them, and by the platform on which they were nominated. We would not willingly, therefore, see a candidate nominated at Cincinnati whose election would have to be effected exclusively by Democratic votes, or so that the reinforcements which would come to its aid from the Republican ranks would be regarded as in substance recruits to the Democratic party, and the Liberal party, eventually, appear in full Democratic costume. That is a game at which one or two hypocritical Democratic newspapers are playing, but it will not work. Our apprehension of the Liberal Republican movement is, that it should put forth a platform in which the majority of the American people, irrespective of party, are really interested, and candidates for whom they will vote, not as a means of insuring the disguised success of the Democratic organization, but as the most acceptable means of giving the members of the Democratic organization an opportunity to accept the policies determined by the war, and of hereafter identifying themselves with either of the two new political parties, both of which are to be formed out of the Republican party. When it is said that Mr. Adams or Mr. Trumbull will repel Democratic votes, the answer is, that there might be a worse calamity. It has never been contemplated nor expected in the Cincinnati movement to have the whole Democratic party vote as a party for the Cincinnati nomination. It has never been intended to accept the dictation of any Democratic organization, of whatever kind. The Cincinnati Convention is not an organization to aid the Democratic party in any way, except as its members form part of the whole people, to be benefited by a general reform.

What is really necessary to the election of the Cincinnati ticket is, that it shall be the outward recognition and sign of the dissolution of the Democratic party.

The formal declination of the Democratic leaders to make an opposing nomination will, when it comes, lead hundreds of thousands of Republicans to vote the Cincinnati ticket who are now holding aloof. Still, the nomination itself must be squarely Republican. Much of the advice the Cincinnati Convention is daily receiving from Democratic organs comes from men whose judgments have not been right on a single political issue for the past twenty years, and is no nearer right now, notwithstanding the blustering assumption with which it is proffered. Let the Convention nominate candidates who can carry the votes of a majority of the American people without respect to party, and who can command a support of the popular majority in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, and there will be no doubt of their election by even greater majorities than Grant had in 1868.

If they make such a nomination, let the Democratic leaders take the responsibility at their peril, if they will, of putting an adverse Democratic candidate in the field, and thereby electing Grant. They will know what they do if they take such a course, and no leader or journal of the late Democratic party can possibly advise a Democratic nomination to be made because the Cincinnati Convention has nominated the two candidates who will win the heaviest Republican vote, unless such leader or journal desires and intends to elect Grant.

The authorized exponents of Democracy, such as Tilden, Seymour, Pendleton, Hendricks, Thurman, and the like, indicate clearly that Democratic influence in shaping the nominations would only be a millstone around the neck of the candidates, and that the Liberal candidates who will insure the largest Republican vote, and, therefore, combine the greatest chances of success, will be those which the Liberals whose antecedents are Democratic will most cheerfully support.

The Cincinnati Convention will not forget, in the elation and enthusiasm incident to so large an assemblage, that their success depends not on carrying off a few stragglers from the Republican party to vote with the Democratic.

But one of the chief contingencies to be kept in mind in the Cincinnati Convention will be the possible withdrawal of General Grant from the field at Philadelphia, and the nomination there of some other candidate. All judicious and patriotic voters, of whatever party, may see for themselves the obvious necessity of making that nomination at Cincinnati which will control most Republican votes.

THE CITY FINANCES.

The report of the City Comptroller for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1872, was laid before the Common Council last night. From this report we gather the following items:

Certificates of indebtedness	$ 744,617
Union Park purchase	8,741
Outstanding warrants	80,258
Funded debt, old issues	342,000
Same, new issues	2,192,500
School bonds	1,119,500
School construction bonds	53,000
Sewerage bonds	2,852,000
River improvement common scrip	1,500,000
Water bonds	4,820,000
Total city debt	$14,981,649
Total bonded debt	15,103,000
Balance in the City Treasury April 1, 1871	1,207,299
Balance in City Treasury April 1, 1872	821,323

The assessed value of taxable real and personal property for the year 1871, as returned by the Tax Commissioner before the fire, was $389,746,470. In December, the Council levied a tax of 10 mills upon this valuation, which would have produced a revenue of $2,897,464.70; but in June, 1871, the Council had already appropriated, in anticipation of this revenue, $4,900,000. There was also allowed as rebates for losses by fire a sum estimated at $600,000, leaving to the city a revenue only of $2,297,464. Of this revenue there had been collected, on April 1, only $696,709, assuming the total rebates to be $600,000, leaving only about $1,500,000 yet to be collected. In addition to this revenue, the city has received from the State, on account of the canal redemption fund, $878,907, which has been transferred to bridges, $55,000; Police fund, $318,401; Fire Department, $136,998; sewerage fund, interest, $184,085; interest fund, $128,645; water fund, interest, $155,813. The income from licenses and miscellaneous sources was $197,930.

The details of the report will be found in this morning's TRIBUNE. It presents an exhibit of the year's business, demoralized, and, in some particulars, paralyzed, by the effects of the fire.

The forthcoming report of the Comptroller, the present complicated, entangled, diminished resources of the city will be revealed, and the policy to be adopted for the new and increased wants of the city will be presented, and will be expected with great interest. The great deficiency in revenue of the past year must be made good, the large amount of temporary loans must be repaid, and the increased expenditures of the city for necessary works must be provided for. A reform in the matter of assessments will be necessary. The theory that property has been assessed at its cash valuation has been discovered to have been a delusion. If the city is to collect revenue by taxes on a cash valuation, then there must be a large increase in the assessment over that of last year. Until, however, the Comptroller presents his budget, containing his statement of resources and his estimate for needed expenditures, the matter of probable taxation can hardly be discussed. Taking the rental of the improved property of the city as a standard of its value, that kind of property can well afford to pay a large increase of tax over that of last year.

THE FRIENDS OF DESPOTISM.

Some *pseudo*-Republican journals have a singular inability to see the difference between Imperialism and Republicanism. The Pittsburgh *Gazette* is of this class. These papers constantly assume that it is the duty of Congressmen to obey the President, whereas the theory of the Constitution is that the President is to obey Congress, and that Congress is the supreme law-making power in the land. They style Horace Greeley a sorehead, because he was dissatisfied with Grant's appointments of Federal officers in New York. The facts are these: President Grant first appointed Grinnell Collector of the Port, who, though not acceptable to Greeley and Fenton, was satisfactory to them, and to the country, being a Republican of integrity and ability. This appointment stood undisturbed until the San Domingo question arose. Then the New York *Tribune*, together with Sumner, Schurz, and other Republicans, opposed the President's San Domingo scheme from motives of independent, conscientious justice and humanity, without the least thought of personal hostility to him. The President was foolish enough to attribute motives of personal enmity to every man who opposed his policy, and generally sought to punish everybody who defeated that scheme. To the utter surprise of all men of sense previously, he began removing from office every appointee who had obtained office through Sumner, Schurz, Greeley, or any other opponent of the San Domingo scheme. This step, on the President's part, was the essence of despotism. It assumed that it was the duty of Senators and journalists to obey him, to yield their convictions to his will, and that the Federal offices were given to him personally as a corruption fund to purchase and coerce them into obedience. He removed Minister Motley from England to punish Sumner, and Grinnell from the New York Collectorship to punish Greeley and Fenton. Looking around for a substitute, he found a parasitic flatterer in Murphy, a Tammany Johnsonite, whose faction had never voted or acted with the Republican party of New York, and nominated him as the man most obnoxious to Greeley and to all the regular New York Republicans. He subsequently lent the use of the Custom House myrmidons to an effort to substitute Murphy's faction for Greeley's regulars in the New York Convention, in an effort to expel the Nestor of the Republican party from his own household, and to surround his hearthside with Tammany Gorgons and Satyrs, who were of the Tweed-and-Sweeny type down to the waist, with "Grant-and-Murphy" candal extremities. Of course, Mr. Greeley disliked it. But it was the work of the discontented Grant.

The milk-and-water journals that cannot see that Grant's course in this matter is an attempt at Imperialism, and wholly at war with true Republicanism, are not fit to speak for any portion of the Republican party. They are the class of followers in whom despotism has always found its most willing agents. Republicanism in America could be utterly obliterated without changing a line or letter of our Constitution by simply carrying out the theory of the Pittsburgh *Gazette* and the majority of the Senate, of requiring every Senator to hold his vote obedient to the President's will, whether he thinks the President's policy wise or otherwise.

NO TARIFF AMENDMENT.

The Senate of the United States has practically determined to take no action on the Tariff bill this session, except to repeal the duties on tea and coffee. The majority insist upon an early adjournment, for the reason that this subject may be avoided. We hope the friends of Reform in the House will not consent to any such proceeding; and that they will not fix any day for adjournment until the Senate takes definite action on the House Tariff bill, by either passing it, or by assuming the responsibility of rejecting it. If the assumed managers of President Grant's Administration insist upon going before the country upon a refusal to repeal taxes that are no longer necessary, let them be made to do so by a formal and direct vote.

CLEAN UP.

We once more renew our appeal to the city authorities to attend to the cleaning of the streets. The southwestern part of the city, in which the great fire originated, bids fair to originate a calamity which will be infinitely worse in its results. The streets are filled with garbage and filth, which, under the influence of the warmer temperature, already begin to impregnate the air with the seeds of disease. It is not impossible that an epidemic may visit us this season, and, if the streets in that thickly-settled portion of the city are allowed to remain without being cleaned, and constantly growing worse and worse, it will add ten-fold to the horrors of the pestilence. The work of cleaning the city and checking the spread of epidemic diseases this summer is of more consequence than the work of rebuilding. The increased growth of the city will be of little consequence if a pestilence depopulates it; and it therefore becomes the first duty of the Board of Health and the Board of Public Works to make as few reports and indulge in as few scientific theories as possible, and go to work cleaning up the city, and putting it into such a sanitary condition that the evils of epidemics, even if they cannot be utterly prevented, may at least be abated somewhat, and shorn of their terrors. The people in that section of the city are becoming so alarmed at their condition, and the constant neglect of the authorities to improve it, that they are talking of holding public meetings of remonstrance. We hope this will not be necessary. It is only necessary for the members of the Boards to visit the spot and see for themselves its terribly filthy condition. We are satisfied that the first look and smell, if they survive them, will be sufficient to spur them up to their duties.

THE FIRE ORDINANCE.

Is the fire ordinance a law, or is it merely a piece of official advice? In the recent examination into the affairs of the Navy Department, chief after chief of the respective Bureaux, when questioned whether he was not aware of a law forbidding certain acts, promptly declared that he did not understand that the law was binding upon his particular department. The fire ordinance is in danger of rapidly falling into the same disrepute. It is made the special duty of the police to notify every person engaged in violating the ordinance to stop the work, and to arrest the parties. But the law is openly violated upon two-thirds of the blocks in this city; violated in the face, and eyes, and ears of the police, and no notice is taken of it. There has grown up a sentiment that, if a man's neighbors do not object to a violation of the law, then the work can go on. Policemen, if they ever do say a word, are told that all the neighbors have consented, and therefore there is nothing wrong. No citizen has any authority to consent to the erection of a frame building nor the alteration of one in violation of the law, and the fact that he does consent gives no more authority to the illegal structure than it had before.

The Police Commissioners have been specially required to have this law executed, and yet it is openly and notoriously disregarded everywhere. Policemen are every day witnesses of the violation of the law, and make no effort to enforce it. No man has any authority to erect a building without a permit from the Board of Public Works, describing the work to be done. Yet this is disregarded, and everybody goes ahead on his own motion to do what he pleases, and the police do not interfere. Do the Police Commissioners propose to treat this law as a nullity? They ought to make every policeman responsible for the execution of the law on his beat, and, upon proof that the law has been violated, to discharge that policeman instanter. It is not the business of policemen to wait until some person complains; it is their duty to interfere on sight. If they cannot stop the work, let them report to headquarters, and get a force equal to the business of arresting every man engaged in violating the law. The police having the power to stop this business, and as it is impossible to violate the law without their knowledge, and as the law is violated openly, it gives color to the suggestion that the police may be feed to say nothing. Let the Commissioners break up this delusion by prompt orders that policemen must enforce the law or leave the force.

MOVING DAY.

In view of the fact that to-morrow a large proportion of the people of this city will change their local habitations and be subjected to all the trials and discomforts of moving-day, the exposure of the household-gods and goods to the curious and unsympathizing public, the wear and tear and annoyance and breakage of their effects, the loss of the home into which they had just got fitted and the necessity of going into another into which they have got to fit themselves, the assumption of a rent for the coming year which seems of monstrous proportions when compared with the comfortable rent of the year closing to-day, and the utter demoralization of their early theological and moral culture, it may be a consolation to them to know that there are other people worse off than they. Berlin is over-populated, and 800,000 people are stowed away like sardines in 25,000 houses, and the advertisement of a house to rent on April 1, the Berliner's moving day, blocks up the street in front of it. The tenant has to pay his rent in advance, give six months' notice of his intention to quit, surrender his furniture if he does not pay quarterly dues, and keep the dwelling in thorough repair at his own expense. If he shall make any improvements, those improvements go to the landlord at the expiration of the lease, without compensation, or else the tenant must pay the landlord for restoring things as they were. It is further stipulated in all leases that, if the house proves unhealthy, by reason of dampness or otherwise, he can have no redress against the landlord, but must remedy it at his own expense. In addition to all this, the theory of taxation is, that the assessment shall be in the ratio of rent. Consequently, if the landlord raises the rent, the tax raises with it. The taxes is applied to all local and general taxes, and there is an income tax besides. Any inhabitant of Chicago, therefore, who is inclined to grow melancholy over his May-day peripatetics, should remember the Berliner, and be thankful that his lot was not cast Unter den Linden, where every prospect pleases except houses and landlords.

FASHION AND MORALS.

It is common to attribute to the laws of fashion much of the immoralities of society; but an argument was made before a Committee of Congress, some days ago, to the effect that polygamy, if left alone by the State, would soon be cured by the introduction of the Gentile fashions of female dress. Until the opening of the Union Pacific Railway, Utah was an isolated State, the majority of the Mormons never having any communion, with, and rarely ever seeing, any Gentiles. The railroad, however, has changed this condition of affairs. Railroads run through the Territory; the Mormons are brought into daily contact with the Gentile population, residents as well as travellers; Gentile customs have been introduced, and last, but not least, the fashions of the Gentile women. It is said that the Queen of Madagascar is a subscriber to *Harper's Bazar*, and regularly examines the chart of patterns and the plates of novelties in style and materials. It can hardly be expected that the Mormon women can be less curious and less interested in a matter which has engrossed the female mind for all time. The changes of spring, summer, fall, and winter hats, bonnets, cloaks, dresses, and boots, with the adjuncts of laces, trimmings, jewelry, and hair, have had an effect upon Mormondom that threatens annihilation to polygamy. Already there are discontented dames who assert they "have nothing to wear," and who resent the economy of their former life by asking their husbands, Can they be expected to appear twice in a public place in the same dress? The superiority of the monogamic system becomes evident to the female mind of Utah when it considers that a husband can supply one wife with all that she needs in the way of dress much more readily than he can two, three, or half-a-dozen wives; and when they compare their comparatively plain, inexpensive, and incomplete wardrobes with those of their Gentile sisters, the system of polygamy ceases to have any charms. What is Joseph Smith's revelations to a woman who wants a Dolly Vardeen and cannot get it, particularly when other women have them? It was gravely argued before the Committee that the introduction into Utah of the fashionable styles of dressing by the Gentile women would do more to disgust the Mormon women with polygamy than all the preaching and statutory enactments that could be devised. Women, it was argued, will never voluntarily submit to a system which denies them that elegance of dress, and variety thereof, which is enjoyed by their neighbors; and, as no Mormon can afford such a style to more than one woman, there will be a general revolt of the female Mormons against polygamy, and in favor of one husband to one wife.

STOKES' LETTER.

Mr. Edward S. Stokes, at present in the Tombs awaiting trial for the murder of James Fisk, Jr., has written a very remarkable letter to the general public. Taking advantage of the production of a sensational play called "Black Friday," in which he figures as one of the *dramatis personæ*, and observing that its production met with general indignation at the hands of the press and the public, he adroitly seizes upon this indignation to manufacture sympathy for himself, and, without saying much about the play, and without denouncing it like forty, as whatever expenditure to give the public a biography of himself, in which, by his own showing, he is one of the worst-abused men of the period. Under ordinary circumstances, nothing suits men of the class to which Stokes belongs better than notoriety

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Special and Regular Sessions of the Aldermen.

Remittance of Rent of School Property in the Burnt District.

Several Railroad Ordinances Taken Up and Considered.

Engine House Lots--Police Station--Tampering with the Fire Ordinance.

Afternoon Meeting.

The Common Council met at half-past 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, pursuant to adjournment--the President in the chair. Present, Aldermen Bowen, Dixon, McGenniss, Thompson, Dacey, Stone, Tracy, Hickey, Culleton, Bailey, Clowry, Fateham, Fowell, Holden, Bond, Wisbeck, Heath, Gill, Cleveland, McGrath, Schmidt, Stout, Schaffner, Langacher, McCaffrey, Carney, Clarke, Ogden, Busse.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The ordinance in regard to the leasing of school property in the South Side burnt district, remitting 40 per cent of rent for two years, upon certain conditions, was ordered engrossed.

The ordinance repealing various assessment rolls for street improvements, was adopted.

The report of the Select Committee on the complaints made against the Relief and Aid Society was ordered placed on file.

DOCKING LUMBER.

The ordinance to amend section 2 of Chapter 24, of the ordinance entitled "Fire Department," by adding a proviso relative to the places where lumber may be sold and docked, was taken up.

Ald. Dacey moved to strike out Randolph street, and insert Monroe street, as the southern limit on the South Side.

The motion was not agreed to.

Ald. Busse moved to strike out all in relation to the North Division south of North avenue, since they would not allow wooden houses to be built over there, and yet permitted lumber to be heaped up there.

The motion was not agreed to.

Ald. Powell moved to file the ordinance, as recommended by the Committee on Fire and Water.

Ald. Holden opposed it, since it would render useless the railroad docks on the lake, and the Ogden improvements on the North Side. Lumber would have to be carried down to Twenty-second street, unless they should alter the fire ordinance as proposed by the ordinance.

Ald. Bond did not think the present fire ordinance should be touched. The handling of lumber on the docks, and there putting it on to cars.

After a long discussion, the ordinance was filed. Yeas, 17: Bond, Bailey, Bowen, Clowry, Culleton, Dacey, Stone, Tracy, Holden, Ogden.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The ordinance prescribing the width of loads of stone, timber, etc., and providing penalties for a violation thereof, was tabled--yeas, 14; nays, 12.

The ordinance relative to closing alleys in certain blocks was proposed.

The order for the payment to the Trustees of the Olivet Baptist Church of $273 60 on account of labor, was ordered engrossed.

The resolution directing the sale of the old engine-house lot on Jackson street was adopted.

The ordinance for filling the alley running from Noble street to the west line of Block 19, Scottson 8, was adopted.

The ordinance concerning the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company was laid over, it requiring thirty votes.

The order directing the Comptroller to lease the old Bidwell grounds to Grant & Price, was adopted.

The resolution repealing the order for the erection of a new school house at the corner of Wentworth avenue and Thirty-third street, was taken up.

A motion to table it was lost--yeas, 13; nays, 16, and the resolution failed to pass--yeas, 12; nays, 18.

THE SCAMMON SCHOOL LOT.

The School Committee submitted the following, which was laid over:

Ordered, That the Board of Public Works and they are hereby directed to survey and plat that part of the Scammon School lot fronting upon Maxwell street, dividing the same into lots as near 25 feet as may be, running back 125 feet and 6 inches, to Sangamon street, and that they be directed to beforwarded from where it now terminates to where it will intersect the 25-foot court in the rear of the lots fronting on Halsted street in Block 30, with the thirty feet common School lot on the north, and Sangamon street on the south.

Ordered, That the lots or as a whole, and how to be sold, or a part of each, and if by the foot, at what price per foot, and if by the lot, at what price per lot, be submitted to the Board of Education for its approval or disapproval.

HEAVY JUDGMENTS.

Mortimer H. Wentworth, attorney, has recovered judgments in favor of Edward Parsons, for $12,842.43, and in favor of Caroline Parsons, for $869.15.

Judgment was rendered before Judge Tree against John Duffy, in favor of Charles E. Ray and William C. Whitney, for $2,744.44.

BURNED RECORDS.

A number of suits, in ejectment, brought shortly before the fire of October last, on behalf of Winchester Hall, were yesterday restored under the Burnt Record bill. These were against George Shaw, for Lot 24, Block 2, Magee & Rice's addition; Elizabeth Spalding and Peter M. Livingston, for Lot 29, same block; Francis B. Judd, for Lot 25, same block; Charles Henry Nolte, for Lot 13, same block; Charles Schuttaker, for Lot 19, same block; Ebenezer Jennings, for Lot 28 same block; Nathan P. Chapin, for Lot 26, same block; Henry C. Overman, for the north 182 feet of Lot 27, Block 2, same addition; John Siker, for the west 64 feet of Lot 29, and east 12 feet of Lot 28, same block; John Kraey, for the east 182 feet Lot 29, same block.

HABEAS CORPUS.

A writ of *habeas corpus* was issued for the People, at the relation of George Fanning as relator, who asks that his son Walter, who is in the custody of the Sheriff, may be delivered over to him from illegal imprisonment. It would seem that the son, under the name of James Fanning, was lately held upon a charge of highway robbery, in connection with one Charles Meir. It is stated that Denny Vander Heek caused the arrest of Meir and Fannin, and upon examination testified that upon the 22d instant, at about 1 o'clock a. m., he was walking on the corner of Taylor street and Center avenue, when two large men came up to and held him, while two others robbed him of $6 in money and a watch. He thought perhaps one man Fannin was one of the parties. It is charged that this is a job "put up" on Walter Fanning, by Fellerman Darger, who made the arrest.

NEW SUITS.

A bill was filed by John Donlin and others, heirs of John Donlin, deceased, against Lewis Kelley, and a number of others, to which complainants claim an interest in the south 33 feet of Lots 15 and 16, of Block 6, Wolcott's Addition. They seek to set aside, as void, a sale made by the widow, Julia Donlin, as administratrix, some years since, under a decree of Court, and then to have partition made between the respective parties.

--A petition to declare and enforce a mechanics' lien was filed by Alexander Mequistern against Joseph Ashwell and Building Company. The property charged is Lot 9 J. F. Wilcox's Subdivision of the west half of Block 6 Canal Trustee's Subdivision of the east half of section 29, 39, 14 east.

--An action of replevin was instituted by James P. Wilson against William H. Calder, John B. Sherman, and William Halligan, 15 horses and mares, valued in this proceeding at $1,800.

--An action of assumpsit was commenced by James H. and James Scott against Cutler, McLean & Co., the demand being for $3,000.

The Superior Court.

RAILROAD CASE.

There is on trial, before Judge Gary, an action by T. Friend against the Illinois Central Railroad Company, to recover the value of a quantity of pelts lost in the October fire.

ALLEGED BREACH OF CONFIDENCE

A bill was filed by Abraham Moses and his wife Martha, against John R. Brookhyr. This bill is to enjoin the defendant from making sale by sale, transfer, or otherwise, of certain judgment notes. Which, it is alleged, the defendant procured under the guise of friendship, by false representation, to the amount of $2,000. Complainant was the owner of a brewery, stock, and fixtures on the northwest corner of Randolph street and Wabash avenue, and he states that he loaned the notes as accommodation paper to his son-in-law and bosom friend in certain good investments, he was about to make, nevertheless which defendant has since wrongfully entered up one judgment, and threatens to do the like upon the other notes.

A STOCK CASE.

A bill was filed by John T. McCarty against Simeon Brown and others, the object of which is to secure the recovery ance of Lot 23, in Block 16, and Lot 4, of Block 7, original town of Lake, in Cook County. The statement of the bill is that the complainant being willing to sell, he commissioned Richard T. Rose to vend. A purchaser soon found in certain good investments, he was about to make, nevertheless which defendant has

FOREIGN.

Two Thousand People Killed by the Earthquake in Syria. Heavy Shower of Ashes from Vesuvius.

Numerous Skirmishes Between the Spanish Troops and Insurgents.

A Proclamation by Don Carlos Circulating in Madrid.

M. Catacazy Forbidden to Tell What He Knows at Washington City.

ITALY.

ROME, April 20.—The eruption of Mount Vesuvius is the largest that has been in 1631. Many persons have taken the public among the people of the ...ttended with destruction to life and ...e of property and land. The Government has ...been compelled to order troops to these places, to prevent ...ty stealing, the abandoned property. ...ts have been ...ed, and hundreds ...ent entirely suspended. The people use umbrellas to protect them from the falling ashes. Rain is badly wanted, or else the crops will be destroyed. The worst is now believed to be over, and the anxiety of the people is considerably lessened.

PARIS, April 20—Morning.—A sound as of thunder is common on the discharges from Vesuvius. The cloud is blown in this direction to-day, carrying dense clouds of ashes and lapilli over the city. Rain is falling in the streets here now, and have already received a depth of two or three inches. Everybody inside the chateaux continues, but no fresh disasters have occurred, and the lava has ceased flowing.

PARIS, April 20.—A despatch from Paris to-day says: Don Carlos and his party are jubilant over the belief that Count Rand France have exchanged letters in which the former promises to support the Government in Spain if the present troubles ...ensue. Everywhere throughout the ...ntry the Carlists are ...ing ...ir ...ssing forth ...ir ...ion ...ing ...ir ...ion ...ing ...ir ...ion ...ing